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MANISH SAHU

LUCKNOW. SEPTEMBER 25

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MEETS TOP CEOs AT BLOOMBERG GLOBAL BUSINESS FORUM

Modi reaches out to US investors: Come to India, will personally act as a bridge

Invites investment across sectors. from defence and infra to start-ups



SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 25

ASSURING THAT he will "personally act as a bridge" if there is any gap, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Wednesday pitched India as "the only destination" for American investment across a range of sectors – from defence to start-ups, infrastructure to urbanisation.

On the economic environment, he said India's "democracy" and its "judiciary being in English" are key advantages for potential investors.

Addressing the Bloomberg global business forum in New York, with "Come to India" as his CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



Prime Minister Modi with Bill and Melinda Gates in New York Wednesday. Their foundation honoured him with the Global Goalkeeper award for the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. PTI PAGE 6

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CLOUD GETS BIGGER

Yogi announces Rs 6,000 a year to each triple talaq victim

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW. SEPTEMBER 25

REACHING OUT to victims of triple talaq and women abandoned by their husbands, UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath Wednesday made a slew of announcements for their welfare including financial assistance of Rs 6,000 per year and free legal aid to every such woman. He also warned of strict against Hindu men who take a second wife.

At an event in Lucknow under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

CBI officer who led investigation in Asthana case seeks voluntary retirement

Satish Dagar's exit comes after HC gave CBI 4 months to wrap up probe

JAY MAZOOMDAAR NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 25

THE INVESTIGATING officer (IO) in the alleged corruption case

against former CBI special director Rakesh Asthana has sought voluntary retirement from serv-In a letter dated August 19, Superintendent of Police (CBI) Satish Dagar made the request

for voluntary retirement under Rule 48 of the Central Civil Services pension Rules 1972 with effect from December 1, 2019. Under the rule, officers seeking voluntary retirement must serve the minimum notice period of three months.

While Dagar did not respond to queries on why he has sought voluntary retirement and if his request has been accepted, the



SP Satish Dagar wants to retire with effect Dec 1

timing of his move has raised evebrows within the agency. On May 31, Delhi High Court granted the CBI four months to complete its investigation in the Asthana matter.

A CBI spokesperson did not comment on the status of Dagar's request but confirmed that the officer "applied for VRS on personal grounds". It remains CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

OSBI

Don't repeat 1971, think of what may happen to PoK: Rajnath warns Pak

HAMZAKHAN JAIPUR. SEPTEMBER 25

REMINDING ISLAMABAD of the breakup of Pakistan in 1971 and the creation of Bangladesh, Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh Wednesday warned Pakistan not to repeat "the mistake of 1971".

Addressing a programme in laipur to mark the 103rd birth anniversary of Jan Sangh ideologue



At the commissioning ceremony of Coast Guard ship Varaha, in Chennai. PTI

Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Singh said, "Brothers and sisters, we will rather lose an election than deceive you, because we don't do politics only to form government but to form the country. And by ending Articles 370 and 35A, we have shown that there is no difference between what BJP says and what it does."

The Defence Minister also said that following the Pulwama terror attack, India took great **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

her, says father, this is just pressure to drop case false allegations. There is no ev-**MANISH SAHU**

LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 25

ASSERTING THAT his daughter was arrested to put pressure on her and her family to stop pursuing the case, the father of the 23-year-old law student who has accused BJP leader Swami Chinmayanand of sexual assault said Wednesday that police had little evidence against her and alleged that police were trying to "save" Chinmayanand.

Speaking to The Indian Express, her father said: "The SIT today arrested my daughter on

idence against her and SIT booked her on false charges showing that she was with those three youths (arrested in the extortion case). It is all false. My daughter has nothing to do with this. In her statement, my daughter never confessed to any crime and SIT has been spreading lies in the media.'

The SIT arrested the woman Wednesday, a day after she filed anticipatory bail in a local court of Shahjahanpur, in an extortion case filed by Chinmayanand's lawyer Om Singh, in which three

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2 Dalit children killed in MP for 'defecating' in open, 2 arrested

MILIND GHATWAI BHOPAL, SEPTEMBER 25

TWO DALIT children, a 10-yearold boy and a 12-year-old girl,

were allegedly beaten to death for defecating in the open in Bhavkhedi village of Shivpuri district in Madhya Pradesh Wednesday morning. Police said they have arrested

two brothers — Hakim Yadav

and Rameshwar Yadav — from the village in Sirsod police station limits, about 15 km from the district headquarters. The boy's father, Manoj Valmiki, told police in his complaint the brothers objected to his son Avinash and sister Roshni defecating in the open near their house and beat them to death with sticks. Police have booked the two

brothers under IPC Section 302 **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



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Govt roadmap to recoup loss from tax cuts: Sale of land, stake in firms

SUNNY VERMA NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 25

IN A bid to compensate for revenue loss due to last week's corporate tax rate cuts, the Centre is working on a three-pronged strategy: fast-track monetisation of idle state-owned land, strategic stake sale in key companies, and sale of residual stake in other state-run firms, sources told *The* Indian Express. The reduction in corporate

tax rates is set to cost Rs 1.45 lakh crore annually. The government has maintained that it would

keep its fiscal deficit target of 3.3 per cent of GDP by March 2020.

The companies identified for strategic stake sale include BPCL Container Corporation of India (CONCOR) and Air India. A complete sale of government holding in BPCL and CONCOR alone can fetch the government Rs 73,745 crore at Wednesday's closing price.

The government holds 53.29 per cent stake in BPCL with current market capitalisation of Rs 100,816 crore, and 54.8 per cent in CONCOR with market capitalisation of Rs 36,536 crore.

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IITs have a plan: Weak students to exit in 3 yrs with BSc in engineering

RITIKA CHOPRA NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 25

THE COUNTRY'S premier engi-

neering institutes, the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), may permit academically weak students to exit early, after three years, with a B.Sc. degree in engineering.

The proposal is on the agenda of the IIT Council meeting called Friday, The Indian Express has learned. The Council, headed by Human Resource Development Minister, is the highest decision-making body of

all the 23 institutes. Currently, students enrolled in undergraduate programmes across all IITs are awarded a B.Tech degree after completing **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



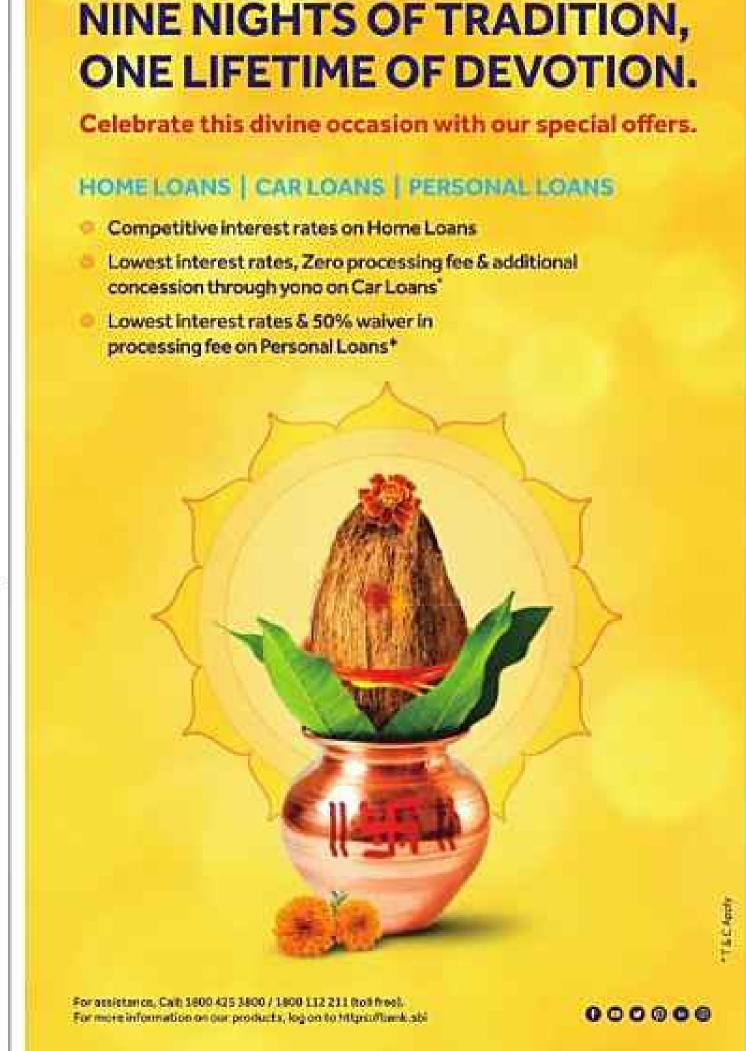
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WHAT HAPPENED TO THE WEALTH OF THE RICHEST INDIANS IN THE PAST YEAR

According to the Hurun India Rich List 2019, released by the Hurun Report India and IIFL Wealth on Wednesday, the richest Indian saw their average wealth decline by 11 per cent over the past year.

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On today's episode of 3 Things, we discuss the origins of the multipurpose id card project, how it may help schemes, and if there are any drawbacks

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Trusts). It may either get success-

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The Finance Ministry has al-

ready hired 11 consultancy firms for the process. The Ministry is

also coming out with initial pub-

lic offers for three companies: FCI

Aravali Gypsum and Minerals

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Consultants India Ltd, and WAP-

COS Ltd. The government, in con-

sultation with NITI Aayog, has

prepared a list of 29 companies

that will be put up for strategic

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MLAs have democratic right to quit, Karnataka Speaker tells apex court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 25

COMING TO the defence of the disqualified Karnataka MLAs, the state Assembly Speaker on Wednesday told the Supreme Court that legislators have a "democratic right" to resign and urged the court to lay down guidelines for Speakers so that such controversies can be avoided in future.

N V Ramana, however, wondered how it could accede to the prayer to lay down guidelines, as the Speaker is a Constitutional authority.

"How can we lay down guidelines for the Speaker? He is a constitutional authority," the bench, also comprising Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Krishna Murai, said. "We cannot encroach in his domain.'

The top court was hearing petitions by the 17 disqualified Karnataka MLAs challenging the decision of then Speaker K R Ramesh Kumar, who had refused to accept their resignations and had instead disqualified

Appearing for the office of the Speaker, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said that while legislators can be disqualified for giving up membership of a political party, they cannot be disqualified for giving up membership of the House. An MLA who does not agree with the views of

his party and resigns from the membership of the House can go back to the electorate and seek a fresh mandate, Mehta said.

This, he contended, is "recognition of the right to resign... Loyalty to the party is one thing, but you cannot be blindfolded by the party's whip." Mehta said the Speaker only

has to see whether a resignation is voluntary. While an MLA changing political parties will amount to defection, he or she The bench headed by Justice resigning from membership of the House and then shifting to another party would not, he Senior advocate Mukul

Rohatgi, appearing for some of the MLAs, said there was no rule that the disqualification ought to be decided first while the resignation was kept pending. He requested the bench to either stay the forthcoming bypolls in the state or defer them until the question is decided. Appearing for one of the

MLAs, senior advocate Sajan Poovayya said his client had resigned protesting the then H D Kumaraswamy government's move to allot 3,500 acres in his constituency to a private com-

Mehta also urged the court to lay down guidelines for the Speaker, stating that similar issues may come up again and should be settled once and for all

Karnataka's new Speaker is BJP MLA Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri.

Man held for raping and blackmailing Kerala teen

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, SEPTEMBER 25

POLICE HAVE arrested a youth on charges of sexually abusing a 19-year-old woman and extorting money from her after threatening to circulate her nude photos on the social media.

The victim's family had complained to Union Home Minister Amit Shah that it was a case of "love jihad" and there was an attempt to convert the woman.

The accused Muhammed Jassim (19) is from Naduvanoor in Kozhikode Rural district and the Christian woman is from Kozhikode city. Jassim has been charged with rape, criminal intimidation and extortion and remanded in judicial custody. It is learnt that Jassim and the woman have been classmates.

According to the woman's father, she had gone to a park in

Kozhikode with two friends on July 25 and Jassim offered them juice. "The juice given to my daughter was spiked and she fell unconscious. When she woke up, she found herself naked in the restroom of the park. He blackmailed her and demanded money and ornaments. He took Rs 40,000 and gold sovereigns."

The woman's father said that

after she informed the family of the harassment, they approached police, but there was no action. It was only after the family met senior officers that an FIR was registered. "The police did not act on my complaint. They harassed her by making her repeat her statement. I took up the matter with the Union government as no other girl should face such a situation," said her father.

The accused surrendered before police on Tuesday. Sources said they have not come across any evidence yet to suggest an attempt to convert the woman.

MP govt nod to indirect polls for mayor posts, BJP cries foul

MILIND GHATWAI BHOPAL, SEPTEMBER 25

THE CONGRESS government in Madhya Pradesh on Wednesday cleared a proposal to hold indirect elections for the posts of mayors and presidents of municipal bodies. The BIP responded by accusing the ruling party of subverting democracy

as it was scared of defeat. Currently, voters cast two votes, one to elect the mayor or the president, and the other to elect the councillor in their respective wards. The MP cabinet cleared the proposal to amend the laws governing municipal corporations and other municipal bodies which will entail councillors choosing one among them as mayor or president.

Elections to municipal bod-

ies are approaching. Currently, the BJP has mayors in all 16 municipal corporations. The BJP alleged that asking councillors to elect mayor or president will lead to horse-trading.

"The Congress is certain of its defeat in the municipal elections. Nine months into power, the party has realised it could not fulfill promises it made before the Assembly elections," said Leader of Opposition Gopal Bhargava. He also said that there is every possibility that the Congress will misuse the administration to win over councillors.

Former Chief Minister Shivrai Singh Chouhan termed the decision an assault on democracy. Demanding that the old system continue, he alleged that the proposal for indirect elections will promote corrupt practices.

FROM PAGE ONE PM reaches out

punchline, Modi said: "Your desires and our dreams match perfectly, your technology and our talent can change the world, your scale and our skills can speed up global economic growth. Your prudent method and our pragmatic mind can write new stories in management, your rational ways and our human values can show the path which the world is looking for. And if there is any gap anywhere, I will personally act as a bridge."

Modi said: "India is waiting for you... India is the only destination... I am ready to welcome you."

The Prime Minister later met the CEOs of top American companies, including Lockheed Martin, Bank of America, Shell and Coca Cola, for a roundtable meeting. The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) tweeted that the agenda included "harnessing investment opportunities in India and boosting commercial linkages between India The PMO also tweeted video

clips of the CEOs reacting after the interaction. While Shell CEO Ben van Beurden described Modi's speech as "strong and comprehensive", Coca Cola CEO James Quincey said he was "really excited to be in the Prime Minister's investment summit".

Describing the meeting as "excellent", Lockheed Martin CEO Marillyn Hewson congratulated India on its "pro-growth policies". "I went to the meeting... optimistic but I come out even more optimistic about India," said IBM CEO Ginni Rometty.

Earlier, at the business forum, Modi pointed out that India's youth is one of the largest users of the app economy — from food to transport and movies to hyperlocal delivery — and said that there were start-ups everywhere. "Thus, if you want to invest in start-ups with a huge market, come to India," he said.

"Our infrastructure creation is expanding at an unprecedented pace. From highways to metros, from railways to ports, from airports to logistics, each sector is seeing massive investment and tremendous potential. Thus, if you want to invest in one of the world's largest infrastructure ecosystem, come to India," he

"We are rapidly modernising our cities, and equipping them with latest technology and citizen friendly infrastructure. Thus, if you want to invest in urbanisation, come to India," Modi said.

"We have opened our defence sector like never before. If you want to Make in India, for India and for the world, come to India."

He then listed out the achievements of his government and how it has reduced the time taken for companies to get power connections and cited several improvements in global rankings on ease of doing business. He also spoke about efforts in "de-bottlenecking" to facilitate business.

Speaking about economic environment in India during an interactive session with Michael Bloomberg, founder Bloomberg and former Mayor of New York, Modi said that no one can do any isolated economic activity in the country and are "in-

terdependent". India's "judiciary being in English" makes it an attractive destination for foreign investors, Modi said, since it ensures "uniform interpretation" of laws and agreements. Later, Bloomberg and Modi announced a partnership to step up global investment in India.

CBI officer

unclear if Dagar will continue to be the investigating officer in the case of criminal conspiracy and corruption filed against Asthana and other senior officers in October 2018.

Chinmayanand case: Rape victim arrested fixed Thursday as the next date dent about Chinmayanand's Earlier, the SIT claimed that

registered a day after she went missing after uploading a video on Facebook accusing Chinmayanand of sexual as-

In it, Singh alleged the caller had threatened to malign Chinmayanand's image with a video if the demands were not met. Singh also claimed he had a video of the law student and three young men speaking about the extortion call. Police earlier arrested Sanjay Singh, Vikram alias Durgesh and Sachin alias Sonu Sengar in the extortion case.

The SIT arrested the woman from her residence in Shahjahanpur, a day after she filed for anticipatory bail. The court has directed the SIT to file its response to the plea and

of hearing. SIT sources, however, said they were yet to find evidence of money being paid. "We have not found any evidence that any money was exchanged between the four persons booked in the extortion case and Chinmayanand," said an SIT officer.

The BJP issued a statement that Chinmayanand has had no link with the party for several years. "Chinmayanand is not a BJP member and there is no record of his membership. He was not holding any responsibility in the party for several years," said BIP UP state spokesperson Rakesh Tripathi.

He said he would have to check with the party's Shahjahanpur district presistatus in the BJP. When contacted, BJP's Shahjahanpur district president, Rakesh Mishra Anawa, said, "I will not say anything about Chinmayanand," and directed all queries regarding Chinmayanand to BJP leaders in Lucknow. The SIT, formed by the UP

government on directions of the Supreme Court, said all legal procedures were followed before arresting the woman. Government counsel Lal Sahab Singh said: "SIT produced the woman before the court of Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Vineet Narain Pandey, who sent her to 14 days judicial custody. The court today also rejected the woman's bail application filed today."

the three men arrested had confessed to sending threat messages to Chinmayanand. "On Wednesday, an SIT

team went to her residence after obtaining an FSL report of the video clip in which she and three men are seen speaking about Rs 5 crore extortion call made to Chinmayanand," said an SIT officer, adding that the FSL report stated there no tampering done to the video clip. According to SIT sources,

the purported video of the woman was shot by a driver, Anoop, in whose car she and three men were travelling. The SIT has seized the car. "The SIT so far has not found any evidence pointing to Anoop's role in the case," said SIT officer.

'There's no proof against her, this is just pressure' men were arrested on barefoot and they did not even ment, the SIT never booked cials were trying to take her

September 20. The court had directed the SIT to file its reply to the plea and fixed Thursday as the next date of hearing. "The court had yesterday

asked SIT to bring all documents related to the case. Since the SIT had no evidence against my daughter, and felt she may get bail, they arrested her. We will be moving a contempt of court plea tomorrow," her father said.

"We are now sure the SIT was working on directions from the state government... Since day one, they wanted to save Chinmayanand in the case. Despite evidence against him and my daughter's state-

Hyderabad-based business-

Chinmayanand on charges. On the direction of the state government, the SIT wanted to build pressure on us so that we stopped pursuing the case Chinmayanand," he said. Chinmayanand was ar-

rested on September 20 in the sexual assault case but has been booked under Section 376-C of the IPC - sexual intercourse by a person in authority. Her father said the SIT had

Tuesday also attempted to arrest his daughter when she was on her way to the anticipatory bail hearing. "The SIT stopped my daughter a short distance from court. SIT offi-

with them. My daughter called me and I rushed to the spot with a few lawyers. When we raised objections, the SIT allowed her to attend court proceeding. The SIT was present in court yesterday through the hearing," he said. According to her brother,

the SIT Wednesday arrived at their home "on the pretext" of speaking to the woman. "After talking to my sister for a few minutes, the SIT told us they were arresting her. When my sister objected and refused to go with them, an SIT officer dragged her inside a car and took her away," he said.

"The SIT took my sister

allow her to change her clothes," he said, adding that one policewoman also twisted his sister's hand when she refused to leave with them. "The SIT also misbehaved

with other family members of the house when they raised objections. The SIT's behaviour is in complete contrast to how they arrested Chinmayanand. He was given full honour because of his link with the BJP. Since we are ordinary persons and showed courage to fight against Chinmayanand, the SIT misbehaved with our family threatened them. The SIT also pushed me and my father when we objected," he said.

Chief Minister Kamal Nath described the incident as "heartrending" and ordered that secu-

> rity be provided to the family. In his complaint, Valmiki said he was chatting with his father and brother outside their house

> around 6.40 am when the incident happened. "Rameshwar and Hakim,

armed with sticks, ran towards the children asking why they were defecating on the road Rameshwar hit Roshni on the back of her head twice and once across her eyes. Hakim hit my son twice on the head," Valmiki, a 35vear-old daily wage worker, told police. "When the family reached the spot both the children were dead," he told police.

According to Valmiki, Roshni is the youngest of his six siblings and has been staying with him since the death of their mother four years ago. Valmiki told reporters that there was previous enmity between him and the brothers, linked to a dispute two years ago when he had cut the branch of a tree near a field owned by them. At the time, he said, the brothers had threatened him.

Senior police officers, meanwhile, came up with conflicting versions of the incident.

Speaking to The Indian Express, IG (Gwalior Range) Rajababu Singh said Hakim appeared to be mentally unstable. He claimed that Hakim and Rameshwai killed the two children when they were on their way to their grand father's home, and denied that the incident was linked to open defe-

Shivpuri SP Rajesh Chandel said there was no old enmity between the two families and that police did not have any proof yet to confirm that Hakim was mentally unstable.

DSP (HQ) Veerendra Tomar said the crime appeared to have been committed in the heat of the moment. According to the Collector, Valmiki's family has been provided monetary assistance of Rs 50,000, and another Rs 10.000 to conduct the chil dren's last rites. The family will also receive Rs 4 lakh in compensation under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, she **FULL REPORTS ON**

man Satish Babu Sana, on whose complaint the FIR against Asthana and others was lodged, had alleged that he bribed Asthana and others to get relief in a case based on an FIR lodged by the CBI against meat exporter Moin Akhtar Oureshi and others. In the Qureshi matter, there were allegations of receipt of illegal gratification from various persons for securing favours from influential public servants.

The then CBI director Alok Verma and his deputy Asthana had accused each other of corruption. Both were sent on forced leave by the government in October 2018. On January 10, 2019, Verma was removed as CBI director and, a week later, Asthana was transferred to the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security.

Dagar was made leader of the investigating team into the charges against Asthana on October 24 last year by M Nageswar Rao who took charge as acting CBI director after Verma was sent on leave. Dagar replaced A K Bassi who was transferred to Port Blair in "public interest" with "immediate effect".

Subsequently, Bassi moved a petition in the Supreme Court challenging his transfer order, and claimed that the agency was trying to bury evidence available against Asthana and other senior officers.

Soon after Dagar became the investigating officer in the Asthana case, the CBI team under him admitted to discrepancies in the seizure reports of the investigation under the previous

Dagar was temporarily removed as the IO in the Asthana case when Verma was reinback in charge of the case.

stated. Following Verma's ouster as CBI director in January, he was Dagar, who joined the agency 1986, serves in Superintendent of Police in CBI's anti-corruption unit III. He had

also investigated the charges

against Dera Sacha Sauda chief

Gurmeet Ram Rahim.

Yogi announces Karyakram, where he met around 300 victims of triple talaq, Adityanath said: "Educated women should be absorbed in government jobs while arrangements should be made to provide them shelter and education under different schemes. These women should be covered under the Ayushman Bharat Yojana or the Mukhya Mantri Jan Arogya Abhiyan," he said.

"Women who have suffered because of triple talaq and those who have been abandoned by their husbands, they should be give Rs 6,000 per year, so they have financial stability. This will help in their rehabilitation," he said, adding that their children should be given free education.

"I was looking at statistics for Uttar Pradesh. There were 273 cases related to triple talag in the last one year. We got FIRs lodged in all cases. These were cases where Muslim women were exploited and deprived of their rights. Action will be taken against policemen who have failed to take action."

"Our fight does not end with this (triple talaq). Even Hindu men who take more than one wife, torment or abandon the first wife, will face strict action and will not be spared. Our fight is for the dignity of women," he

"I would also like to ask the minority welfare department that these Muslim women. if needed, these women should be given rights over Waqf properties in the state.'

He said arrangements will be made by the state to fight the cases of triple talaq victims. "I was listening to the problems of triple talag victims. The home department should make arrangements to fight cases free for triple talaq victims."

He gave directions to the social welfare department and other departments concerned to draw up welfare schemes for the

victims. "Proper schemes should be implemented for the overall development of society and no person should feel neglected," he said, directing officials to identify triple talaq victims and hold such interactive programmes at the divisional level.

IIT's have a plan eight semesters or four years. However, students with weak grades drop out midway.

According to data shared by the HRD Ministry in Parliament this year, 2,461 students dropped out of different IITs in the last two vears across B.Tech and postgraduate programmes. These include cases of expulsion on account of weak academic performance. For instance this year, IIT-Kanpur expelled 18 students on the grounds of poor grades, of which half were B.Tech students.

It is for such students the HRD Ministry has proposed that the IITs consider providing an exit option after six semesters. As per the Council agenda, the IITs have been asked to approve the proposal to allow academically weak students to opt for B.Sc. (Engineering) after the second semester and leave after three vears, provided they have met the minimum academic standards.

If approved, the IITs will implement the suggestion from the current academic year, said sources. An estimated 9 lakh students

take each cycle of the IEE (main) that's held twice a year — just about 13,500 get an IIT seat. The Council will also con-

sider a proposal to empower the Board of Governors of an IIT to pick its members and chairperson. Currently, the HRD Ministry appoints them. This autonomy is on the lines

of what has been granted to the IIMs under the new IIM Act. IIT directors, according to the agenda, will continue to be selected by the government. However, apart from the IIT Council's approval, the IIT Act

will also have to be amended to finally empower the IITs.

Rainath warning precautions and did not attack Pakistan or its army and targeted only terror training camps in Balakot. He said: "Lekin aagey vadi aisa hi chalta raha, toh kuch kaha nahi ja sakta (but if it con-

tinues like this, then things may

change).' He said Pakistan "cannot digest" India's Jammu and Kashmir move, but added, "trust me, it will be digested." On August 5, the Centre moved to scrap the special status of J&K and bifurcated the state into two Union "Aur main toh baar baar su-

jhav de chuka hun Pakistan ko bhi, ke jo '65 and '71 - '71 mein Pakistan ke do tukde ho gave the, Pakistan aur Bangladesh ban gaya tha. Maine kaha, '71 ki galti mat dohrana, nahi PoK ka kya hoga, achchi tarah samajh lena. (And I have suggested this time and again, even to Pakistan, about (India-Pakistan wars of) 1965 and 1971 - and in 1971, Pakistan was divided and Bangaldesh was created. I said don't repeat the mistakes of 1971, else understand well what might happen to Pakistan-occupied Kashmir)." Singh said.

Govt roadmap As for Air India, sources said,

the disinvestment department is already in the process of inviting interest. The government also aims to

partially compensate lower tax collections through residual stake sale and land monetisation. Assets of nearly three dozen

public sector enterprises in various sectors, including power, textiles and fertilisers, are likely to be put up for monetisation. Unused land and residential properties held by these companies, closed industrial units and plants of companies such as SAIL are among assets to be considered for sale.

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Kejriwal, Tiwari spar over NRC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 25

CHIEF MINISTER Arvind Keiriwal's remarks that Delhi BIP chief Manoj Tiwari will have to leave Delhi in the event of the implementation of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in the city triggered a row on Wednesday, with the BIP dubbing the AAP chief "divisive".

Tiwari, who has long advocated the need to have the NRC in Delhi, had recently demanded a probe to find if the accused in the assault of a journalist were "illegal migrants or infiltrators".

When Kejriwal's comments were sought on Tiwari's statement, he said: "Agar NRC Delhi mein laagu hua toh sabse pehle Manoj Tiwari ko Delhi chorni padegi (If NRC is implemented in Delhi, Manoj Tiwari will be the first person who has to leave Delhi)."

Later, AAP chief spokesperson Saurabh Bhardwaj challenged Tiwari to produce documents to establish he has a Delhi connection prior to 1971, which is the cut-off year for the NRC in Assam. "The BJP essentially wants to throw Purvanchalis out of the city. For the poor, it becomes difficult to produce documents to even get pensions," he said.

Tiwari told reporters that the CM's comments "reflect his mindset". "He considers people of his own country foreigners. NRC is not meant for people from UP, Bihar or MP. It is meant to weed out Bangladeshis and Rohingyas."

East Delhi MP Gautam Gambhir tweeted: "Arvind Keiriwal, who talks about education, should know that NRC is for people who are not from the country. Going by his statement, even he should leave Delhi as he was born in Haryana."

WILL HELP THEM AVAIL POWER SUBSIDY BENEFITS: KEJRIWAL

In relief for tenants, govt relaxes rules to get prepaid power meter

SOURAV ROY BARMAN & ANANYA TIWARI

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 25

THE DELHI government Wednesday announced a new scheme to rein in landlords charging arbitrary power tariff from tenants by relaxing conditions to install prepaid meters, which was allowed in the capital for the first time in 2017.

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said the prepaid meters will help lakhs of tenants across the city avail the benefits of his government's schemes in the power sector, including the 100% bill rebate to those consuming up to 200 units, and 50% rebate to households consuming 201-400 units per month.

On October 10, 2017, the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC) allowed installation of prepaid meters "for the first time" for tenants and applicants for temporary connections. The order was signed by DERC member B P Singh as the panel didn't have a chairperson then.

"The 2017 order allowed prepaid meters with stringent conditions. Now, we've made the process easier by doing away with the need to get a no-objection certificate from the landlord. Discoms are also on board, which is why helpline numbers have been issued," said a senior government official.

Making the announcement, Kejriwal said the scheme has been named 'Mukhyamantri Kirayedaar Bijli Yojana'. He also sought to assuage the concerns of landlords, saying they need not worry as this won't encourage tenants to assert false ownership.

"Tenants were unable to avail benefits of our schemes. In many cases, one building has multiple tenants, but every family draws power from one connection and the total consumption naturally crosses the subsidy slabs. It results in tenants paying Rs 8-10 per unit consumption. In case they wanted to install separate meters, NOCs were needed from landlords. But landlords were hesitant to issue NOCs, fearing tenants might end up asserting ownership. We've found legal and technological solutions to all these is-

sues," Kejriwal said. Delhi Power Minister Satyendar Jain said the cost to install prepaid meters would be Rs 6,000, including a security deposit of Rs 3,000.

The proposal first came up after the MCD polls in 2017. Extending the benefits of power subsidy to tenants was one of AAP's poll planks during the 2017 MCD polls, which the BIP won.

Kejriwal said the prepaid me-

ters will work just like prepaid mobile connections, wherein consumers pay in advance to make calls. Here, payments must be made in advance to draw power. "It will be programmed for people to benefit from the available waivers. For this, tenants don't need permission from landlords," he said. On the potential cost of the project, Kejriwal said it depends on the demand for prepaid meters.

In July, the Centre announced plans to change all electricity meters to prepaid smart meters by 2022, to make power distribution more efficient. "Smart metering would empower consumers with tools to conserve energy and plan their electricity usage efficiently," the power ministry had said.

HOW TO GET A PREPAID METER



The move is part of the Mukhyamantri Kirayedaar Bijli Yojana. Prem Nath Pandev

TENANTS FIRST have to call the helpline numbers of discoms

BSES Yamuna 19122 **BSES** Rajdhani 19123 **TPDDL** 19124

Officials will come home

■ Tenants need to submit

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agreements or rent receipts and identity cards pertaining to the address they are staying in

■ Meters will then be home delivered and installed

Rs 6,000

Cost to install a prepaid meter, inclusive of security deposit of Rs 3,000

Tenants welcome move, but wary of disapproval from landlords

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 25

TENANTS ACROSS the capital have lauded the Delhi government's decision to allow special meters for tenants, but said the implementation will be a challenge as "landlords will never agree" to let them install their own meters. Farhat Salim, a student of

said his landlord had installed a sub-meter, through which he was being charged Rs 8 per unit. While he said the scheme was good, it could have prob-

INU who stays in Vasant Kunj,

"The scheme seems good, but the main problem is that landlords, usually at the time of giving their places on rent, make a deal that you have to pay Rs 8 or so per unit for electricity consumption. This scheme has to be implemented through clauses in the rent agreement for it to succeed," he said. "For people living on rent at

present, I'm not sure if landlords will allow them to apply for it or not," Salim added. Tenants also raised the issue

of identity proofs becoming hurdles in the process. Abhishek Vikram, who

works as a guest teacher at Delhi University, lives with his wife at a rented accommodation in B K Dutt Colony near Jor Bagh. He pays Rs 7 per unit for electricity.

"All my ID proofs are from outside Delhi, as I belong to Samastipur in Bihar. My wife is from Delhi, but her ID proof is also of Mandi House, where her parents stay. How will we be able to benefit from this

for many who are not from the city," he said. Those who rent out prop-

scheme? This will be a problem

erty agree there was anticipation of land-grab.

"Giving tenants a connection in their name is fraught with problems. What if they start claiming ownership? We have to be very careful as property owners," said Ramvir Dagar, who owns two flats in Kotla Mubarakpur. Paramjeet Sejwal, who lives

in Lado Sarai and has put several properties on rent, said, "Many charge tenants up to Rs 9 or 10 per unit. For them, this could be disappointment."

"It depends upon the provisions that AAP brings to ensure that these moves are implemented as there will be resistance from those who charge extra," he added.

Man dies after auto hits truck

New Delhi: A 30-year-old man died after an auto-rickshaw hit a truck on Akshardham flyover in East Delhi Tuesday. The man was

travelling in the auto with his wife and their one-year-old daughter. Efforts are on to nab the absconding truck driver, police said. **ENS**

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Pathways of growth in housing & infrastructure Chairman's Statement at the 49" Annual General Meeting (AGM) of HUDCO

Dear Shareholders, Ladies & Gentlemen

On behalf of the Board of Directors and on my own behalf, it gives me immense pleasure to welcome you all on the occasion of the 49" Armus General Meeting (AOM) of HUDCO. Your presence is a reflection of your keen involvement in your Company's progress. The Annual Report. for the Tinancial year ending 31" March, 2019 together with the Director's Report, Audited Financial Successeries and the Auditor's Report of your Company have afreedy been circulated.

It is indeed, a proud privilege to share that your Company has completed 49 auccessful and giorious years of business operations. I am happy to inform that your Company has demonstrated phother year of outstanding operational and financial performance. Your Company has achieved disbursement of Ris. 31,009 crore which is a growth of 87% over disbursements of 2017-16 and is the highest achieved in the history of 49 years of HUDCO's existence. The loan outstanding of the company has seen a quantum jumb of 48% to Fig. 73,325 erors in 2018-19. The cet NPA as on 31" March, 2019 of your Company was 0.50% of the net loan outstanding, which is among the

HUDCO's operational performance during the year dearly depicts that your Company is on the path of growth. I would like to share the highlights of HDOCC's performance during 2018-19, the economic en vronment, chellenges laced and future outsex of the Company.

During the year 2018-19, India continues to be the fastest growing major economy in the world with a GDP growth of 5.8%, against the world output growth of only 3.6%, India maintained its macroeconomics stability by containing inflation within 4% and by maintaining a manageable Corrent Account Deficit to GDP raco. The growth rate during the year 2018-19 for the sector Financial, Red Estate and Professional Services' is estimated at 7.4%, as against previous year's growth rate of 6.2%. The Construction sector has shown a growth rate of 8.7% as against previous year's growth rate of 5.6%. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) has shown a rise of 3.4% in respect of of commodities, while the Wholesole Price Index (WPI) has grown by 4.3% during 2018-19.

On the manetary policy front, during the year 2018-19, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) after increasing the policy repolests twice, had reduced the recovere once during the 6" bi-monthly policy meeting held in February, 2019 by 25 basis points from 6.50% to 6.25%. As per RBI data for 2018-19 on sectoral deployment of Gross Bank Credit (GBC), housing eactor registered a growth rate of 19%, whereas into staucture sector achieved a growth of 18 50%

17% grewitt d the compan

The Indian economy will become a USO 3 trition Economy during the year 2019-20, it is now the 6" largest economy. in the world and aims to grow into a USD 5.

trillion economy by 2024-25, which will make india the 3" targest economy in the World. The International Monotory Fund (IMF), in its World Economic Outpool (July 2019) has projected a growth rate of 7% in 2019-20 and 7.2% in 2020-21 for India. Sectional Overview and Government Policy Initiatives : 50 The Union Budget 2019-30 has laid a special focus on Affordable Housing and Infrastructure Sectors. The Government intends to invest life, 100 lakts crore over the next.

through "One Nation; One Grid" model; Prachan Mentri Awas Yolana alims to authors the objective of "Housing for All by 2022 i.e., when India commemorates in 75 years of independence. For affordable housing in rural gross, 1.35 crom. houses youts are proposed to be provided to the eligible beneficianes during the period 2019-2022: The Government of India will introduce a new model tenancy law to boost the rental housing market. To promote affordable housing. tax incernive of Rs. 1.50 lakin has been proposed on loans: horrowed upto 31" March 2020 for purchase of

The Government will carry out restructuring of National Highway Programme to ensure that the National Highway God of decirable fungth and exceptly is greated using financeable model. The Government has ensured power municipality to stores at affrondative rates.

attendable house of cost upto Rt. 45 lath. A major rate reduction in GST tales for real estate developers has been announced earlier during this year. The GST rates have been reduced to 1% bethout input tox credit for the

construction of affordable houses having carpot area upto 50 sq.m in metropolitan regions and 50 sam in non-metropolitan regions, having cost upto Rx, 45 laths. Emerging Issues in Housing and Urban Infrastructure The miguinement of housing is growing: in the context of repet pade of urbanization, increasing level of migration from rural areas to urban areas fir liverhood. With growing

urbanization, the challenges associated with housing availability and infrastructure needs have become a serious concern in India. The fast-paced urbanisation in the country, which is linked to the accounts progress of the country, has lied the urban week to encounter some serious challenges on the sopp-economic front, such as unemployment as well as excess-load on existing infrastructure in cities like housing, sentiation, transportation, health, As per Census of India 2011, about 377 million population i.e. 31% constitute

> rend of urbanisation, the number of Indians living in urben areas is expected to reach 543 million by 2025. With increasing urbanisation, the demand for appraising the housing and urban development needs in the country will increase, providing a huge potential for business operations for HUDCO.

HUDCO shall continue to support implementation of various Government of India Rapship programmes and make all efforts to reduce the demandsupply gap in the sectors of Housing and Lithan left astructure. Operational and Financial Performance

HUDCO: since increation in April, 1970 upts March 2019, has sendinged a intal of 17,197 housing and urban infrastructure projects, with a total loan.

component of Fig. 1.95, 138 grove and made a cumulative disbursement of

 a) In respect of housing, curring the year 2018-19, HUDCO sanctioned projects, with a loon. amount of Rs. 27,255 crons.

b) During the year 2018-19, HUDGO sanctioned urban infrastructure projects with a total loan. III Your Company posted Profit After Tax (PAT) of Rs. 1180.15 profe during the year 2018-19, a growth of 17% over 2017-18.

The total Net-Worth of the company now grown by 10% to Rs. 10.956. orare, as on 31 3 2019, as against Fig. 9943 crore as on 31.3.2018. interim dividend pay out for the financial year 2018-19 in Rs. 162.91 grore, including dividend distribution tax of Rs. 27.78 crore.

 At the end of the financial year 2018-19, HUDCO reported Gross NP. and Net NPA of Rs. 3286, 59 grore and Rs. 354, 25 grore respectively, which constituted 4,45% tototal loan portfolio and 0.50% to set loan outstanding, respectively. Social Orientation of HUDCO's business

Since inception, Social Housing has been a priority portion in HUCCO's operations. Assignificant umphasis is given particularly to housing requirements of weaker sections of the society, with a bwerinterest rate, higher extent of unit cost extended as loan and with a longer repayment period. During the year 2018-19, HUOCO landed more than 20 68 lake housing units, out of which about **発送と16月間間では原料ですと呼ばる側目をしているとりは3月0**8 Credit Rating of HUDCO

The domestic debt instrumential & Banking Sector Liver(s) facilities of the Company continued to enjoy "AAA" rating (Long Term) & "A1+" rating (Short Term) assigned by three Credit rating agencies, namely, Mily India Risting & Research Pvt. Limited (IRRPL). Mily CARE Ratings and Mily HUDCO, for its international Borrowins Programme was sesioned a Long-Term Foreign Common

> HUDGO's Role in Implementation of Government of India flagship programmes- for promoting "Housing for AIT" & "Urban Development*

housing, under Pradhon Maritti Awas Vojera-Housing for Alf (Urban). programme and sustainable orban development of burran settlements: the Government of India from time to time has encouraged and supported Social Housing and Indestructure programmes benefitting the urban poor and weaker sections of the 80000% PMAY (Urban) and PMAY (Gramin),

HUDGO actively pericipates in implementations

of Government programmes by providing financial assistance by way of Further, an amount of Fix. 3.56 crore has been released for the 12 ontoing viscility gaz funding for States UTs and ULB shalls, as per the requirements. Other services offered by HLDCO are consultancy, project appraisal southy, procession and desemination of scheme datals. bonilloring and site inspections, organizing awareness programmes, organizing capacity building programmes for the Government/State-ULB functionaries and handholding support to State Government for preparation of

During 2018-19, HUDCO undertook Site Inspection and DPR scruthy of 125. projects with a total project cost of Rs. 8362.59 crors, having a Central Share of Rs. 3057.12 crore; for the corestruction of 2.06 laktr housing grits in 20 income of Rs. 2.64 crore:

Intervention, HUDCO is a Central Nodel Agency (CNA) retified by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs for chaerwising the subsidy under CLSS echeme of "Housing for All" (Urban) Programme. Upto March, 2019, HUOCO has signed 86 MoUs for EWS/LIG category and 80 MoUs for MiG category with Primary Londing Institutions (PLIs). During the Financial Year 2018-19, a torsi of Rs. 341.55 crose of urban and about \$33 million Le. 69% reside in rural areas. With the current - subsidy has been disbussed to 15,875 number of benefitiaries under EWS/LIGNIG category.

> gap financing to 2 PMAY (Urban) projects with a total project cost of Rs. 2147.48 cross to Kerala and Andaman & Nicober, offering a total loan of Rs. 1064,46 crore, for construction of 50,555 housing units. HUDGO, up to 31" March, 2019 has noncluded site

During 2018-19, HUDCO synctioned viability-

specians of 551 Night Shellers under Sheller for Jithan Humeless (SUH) component of Deendayal Annyodaya Yogha - National Littan Livelihood Mission. (DAY - NULM) in respect of 20 Blates/UPs across

Ps. 1.61,110 core: HUDDO, so far, sandsoned more than 19.34 million houses in the country in Further, as part of his-based consultancy entratives. HUDDO successfully completed the consultancy services for one of its most prestolaus projects i.e. Office building for Archaeological Survey of India at Tlak Marg, New Delhi which was inaugurated by Horbie Printe Minister of India on 12" AJV 2018. Human Settlement Management Institute (HSMI)

Human Settlement Management Institute (HSMI) is HUDCO's Research & Training Wing Having established their as an ensuert institution to focus on contemporary issues of Housing and Ultion Development, HSMI continues to work in the field of human settlements, at international, national and state levels by organizing and participating in exchange programmes and other information and experience sharing events. A total of 16 Training Programmes, including 3 International programmes fully-sponsored by the Ministry of External Affairs under its ITEC programme, have been conducted during the year 2018-19, importing capacity building training to more than 500

During the year 2016-19. KSMI has organized 6 research seminars for presontation of research study reports. As part of HUDCO Best Practices Awards to improve the Eving environment in the Habital Sector, 10 Best Practices' Awards and 6 'Certificates of Appreciation' were given to

HUDCO, being an Associate Member of CITYNET since 1993, HSMI has been engaged with CITYNET through research and teaming activities. HUDCO has also established as India chapter of CITYNET, so the area of common internist. During the year 2018-19, HSMI organised. a 2-day training programme, with CITYNET Indian sistional Chapter members on "Sustainable Wasta Management Practices". Human Resources Management

Your Company has a multi-disciplinary talent pool of professionals from Projects, Finance and Low disciplines, etc. To sustain in this competitive dynamic market, the company regularly arranges capacity-building programmes for its employees under various functional areas. A total of 301 employees were

imparted training during the year 2018-19. In different epheres of company's activities. As on 31" March, 2019, HUDCO has a total strength of employees as 827, which comprises 29,85% of the women employees, in tune with the policies of Beil Bachao - Beil Pachao - for women

Module has been initiated, during 2018-19. ERP will benefit in improving productivity, improving reporting & planning, increased efficiencies, decreased costs and sheartined processes. This will also bring in more professionalism in the working of HR, besides automating various HR processes and will enhance overall business performance of HUDGO. The company also imparts training to its employees, on team-balding and work elle balance for entending employed a productivity.

> Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) During the year 2018-19, a total of 21 projects, with an amount of Rs 9:30 crore has been committed, out of which, an amount of Rs. 1.02 crore has been released to various agencies for implementation of socially beneficial proposals. In line with the thrust areas of HUDCO's CSR Policy. words of the key sectors funded during the year were sanitation. education, social welfare, forest & environment and rural development. During the year, HUDCO has also committed support for construction of houses for the families 341.95

who were severely affected by floods in Kensia:

Awards and Accologies I am delighted to convey that during the year, HUDOO has received several awarch & accolades recognition of its services: a. 16th Armuel Greentesh CSR Award 2018 - Gold Caregory' in service

 Tochpology Salstin Awards 2010" in cotogory of Enterprise Applications. s: Tigital Loader Award for Excellence" under the Enterprise Applications' and Unified Communications' categories, for successful PWN India Implementation of those initiatives. Corporate Governance

Sovernance, HUDGO ensures transparency in all its operations with special emphase on

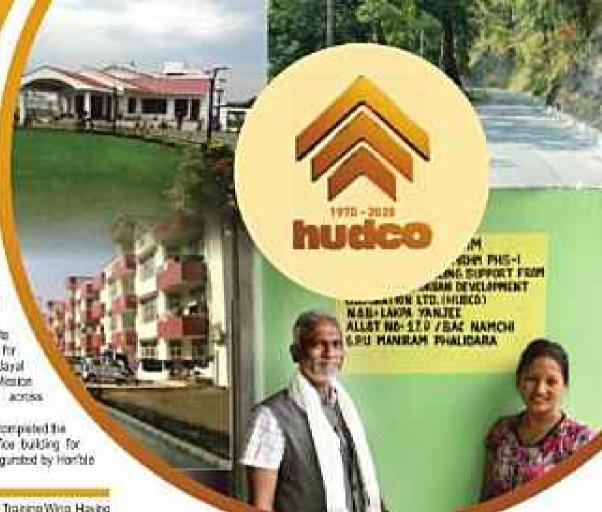


Figure Outlook Government of India has taken several initiatives to boost affordable housing and to revitaise the Lirban Sector. HUDCO has potential to persopale in the Government programmes in terms of lending as well as fee-based consultance income. Covernment is expected to invest huge amount in the infrastructure sector, mainly in highways, renewable energy and urban transport. The

Government has given a pusit to connectivity through industrial corridors. dedicated-freight corridors, Sharramata and Sagaritrala projects: Jai Marg Vikax and UDAN

The urber housing demand in India is being addressed through Pradhan Manth Awas rojane (PMAY)-Urban as well as Gramin. The Government of India's "Housing for All' Initiative is expected to bring USO 1.3 trillion investments. in the housing sector, by 2025.

Considering the above investments, there is substantial opportunity for funding Housing and Urban Infrastructure in the country, HUDCO, with its vast experience in providing consultancy services, and financial assistance for implementation of affordable housing projects could play

Croses.

art important role in supporting various government housing programmes. HUDCO is facing stiff competition from Commercial Banks Financial Institutions in financing the housing and urben infrastructure projects. HUDCO has to keep-up page with the consint market. dynamics to continue business with various State Soverment Agencies.

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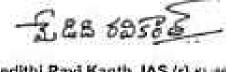
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State Governments. Housing Boards. Development Authorities. Housing For Al Municipal' Local Bodies and other parastatal inmitutions for reposing their treat in HUDCO. I place on recording special thanks to all the stakeholders of the company for

extending their valuable support and cooperation. Last, but not the least. I am thursdul to all the employees of the Company for their criticing efforts. With the level of performance collectively portrayed, I am confident that the dedicated efforts of the Company will make us grow to never heights in the ensuing years.

Thank you bryour kind support.



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17-yr-old who

coached tribal

girls felicitated

New Delhi: A 17-year-old

basketball player was felicitated by Union Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju Wednesday for her contribution in training tribal

girls from Chhattisgarh to

compete in state- and na-

tional-level basketball

championships. Manya

Agarwal, a student of Delhi

Public School, R K Puram,

has been coaching young

girls from different districts across Chhattisgarh

since 2016. She volunteers

for the Tribal Youth Sports

Society to provide basket-

ball training to girls living

For odd-even, govt wants staggered office timings, option to work from home

MALLICA JOSHI

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 25

STAGGERED WORK timings and the option to work from home – this is what the Delhi government wants firms, industries and trade bodies to look at during implementation of the oddeven scheme in the capital in November.

On Wednesday, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal met Lieutenant Governor Anil Baijal to discuss measures to control air pollution, where the L-G suggested that office timings be staggered to reduce congestion and air pollution.

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Jammu and Kashmir.

NEW DELHI. SEPTEMBER 25

BJP WORKING president J P

Nadda Wednesday appealed to

Delhi BJP workers to inform peo-

ple about the advantages of ab-

rogating special provisions for

Talkatora stadium, at the Jan

Jagran Abhiyan in Delhi in the

presence of six MPs, Nadda said,

"It is the result of Amit (Shah) ii's

strategy that in the Rajya Sabha,

we did not have a majority but

we still got the support of 125

members on the issue. I thank all

raised a hue and cry over it but

the entire world stood with

Modi ji. Within a day, we got sup-

port from 10 countries, and 100

diplomats also said it is India's

Delhi should take the message

Nadda said party workers in

internal matter," he said.

"When it happened, Pakistan

parties who supported us."

Speaking to party workers at

Inform people about

historic J&K decision:

After the meeting, Baijal tweeted that he had requested the CM to explore the option of staggered opening/closing hours of offices and other establishments. Kejriwal, in a tweet, said the government will "definitely implement this". Under the proposal, one in-

dustry, or a particular set of offices, will open at 9 am or 9.30 am, for instance, while another set of offices will open at 10.30 am or 11 am. All employees will have to work for the minimum number of hours prescribed but everyone will not be on the road at the same time, trying to get to office. Several companies offer em-

ployees the freedom to work

from home and the Delhi government, officials said, will push for more firms, especially where there is no public interface, to look at the option while oddeven is enforced.

Staggered office timings have been experimented with across the world, primarily as a measure to reduce traffic congestion, thereby reducing pollution as

In Delhi as well, this is not the first time such a solution has been suggested. In 2016, the Central Pollution Control Board had asked governments in Delhi-NCR to consider staggering their office hours.

"The policy has been on our

radar for quite some time but has not been implemented so far. We will engage with firms and businesses and ask them what is feasible. We want that as many employees as possible work from home because that is going to be of great help. We are looking at the feasibility of this in government offices, too. Again, this will have to be in areas where the interface with people is lower," said a senior govern-

Officials said the idea is to have the measure coincide with odd-even during November 4-15 so that overcrowding in public transport during peak hours can be avoided.

ment official.

VERTICAL LIMIT

A multi-level car parking facility on Aurobindo Road is set to be completed by the end of the year. Constructed by the South Corporation, the Rs 16-crore project comprises a 39.5-metrehigh tower for parking and is spread over 878 sq m. It can accommodate 140 cars. Tashi Tobgyal

Central Vista project:

Days before bidding,

architects seek clarity

The Union Housing Ministry had announced the project on

in Naxalite areas. Rijiju congratulated Manya for her efforts in promoting basketball and helping young girls. **ENS**

to review **'happiness** curriculum'

education minister Md Zakir Hossain visited a Delhi government school in Shalimar Bagh Wednesday. Addressing teachers and students, he said he would review the happiness programme. He also invited teachers and Education Minister Manish Sisodia to Bangladesh to share good practices from the cur-

Minors among three nabbed

New Delhi: A day after

Businessman

Ghaziabad: A 45-year-old businessman, a relative of Shiv Sena leader Mahesh Ahuja, was shot dead in Ghaziabad Wednesday. Police said the victim, Amit Kumar, was in his Fortuner when masked assailants on a bike shot

3 arrested

Noida: Police Wednesday arrested three persons, involved in an alleged inter-state admission scam, for killing one of their gang members. ENS

Calling woman 'fat' does not outrage her modesty, says court

ANAND MOHAN J NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 25

ACQUITTING AN interior designer who was accused of calling a woman fat and booked by police for insulting her modesty, a Delhi court has noted that "merely by referring to the complainant as fat, it cannot be said that the accused intended to insult her modesty as the said words do not concern the sex of the complainant". As per court records, the

woman filed a complaint against the designer after they had an altercation over him parking his bike outside her house. According to her complaint, he misbehaved with her and outraged her mod-

Lift engineer arrested

esty. She alleged that the man then fled on his motorcycle, and she approached police.

Metropolitan Magistrate Nishant Garg noted that the woman, in her statement filed under Section 164 CrPC, did not make specific allegations. The court also noted that in her initial complaint, she did not name any person specifically and did not even inform what words were used by the accused. "... The complainant informed

the IO that the accused had addressed her as 'fat' and said he will not remove his bike. Clearly, merely by referring to the complainant as fat, it cannot be said that the accused intended to insult her modesty, as the said words do not concern the sex of the complainant," the court said. It also pulled up police for not

producing the woman in court. It noted that the IO did not record the statement of her driver, who was also at the spot. Police had booked the man on the basis of an oral statement given by the woman's friend, but the court noted that the IO did not take down her statement under Section 161 CrPC.

"Adverse inference is to be drawn against the prosecution for withholding this material witness. In the absence of examination of this witness, the complaint based on which the present FIR was registered remained unproved," it said.

Minister says Law Dept work at a standstill

New Delhi: Delhi Law Minister Kailash Gahlot Wednesday alleged that Principal Secretary (Law) Sanjay Agarwal's opinion relating to the division of power between the L-G and the elected government has brought entire work of the Law department "to a standstill".

Agarwal rejected the allegation, saying work has not been affected at all: "I have always formed my legal opinion staying away from any kind of political bias and following the principle of conceptual fairness. I abide by the Constitution of India and principles set by the higher courts."

The Indian Express had first reported that Agarwal gave an opinion that Delhi government departments need to get decisions approved by the L-G before implementing them, even on matters under the direct control of the elected government. **ENS**

SHINY VARGHESE NEW DELHI. SEPTEMBER 25 THE NORTHERN Chapter of the

Wednesday called for clarity and transparency on the redevelopment plan for the Central Vista and Parliament building. With the IIA Haryana

Indian Institute of Architects (IIA)

September 13. Prayeen Khanna

Chapter and the School of Planning and Architecture (SPA) Alumni Association, New Delhi, the architects elaborated on four aspects of the multi-crore project — need for public debate, an elaborate design brief, the fault in keeping to the lowest tender bid, and the unrealistic deadline of two years to complete a project of this magnitude.

The meeting was held on the eve of a site visit, organised by the CPWD, for select architectural firms to the Parliament and Central Vista areas. The plan is to call for a bid by September 30, the architects informed, which gives barely a week of preparation time.

"This is public money that is going to be spent for the project, which people don't know anything about. The narrative of the Minister (Hardeep Singh Puri, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs) has been changing ever since they advertised early this

whichever is earlier.

days of award of contract/issuance of Letter of Intent.

www.iktenders.gov.in as per schedule hereunder:

Date of Opening of Cover-II (Price Bid) Online

Position of Funds: Demanded

Date of Issue of Tender Notice

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mer President, IIA. The architects called for a

month," said Balbir Verma, for-

structural and functional audit of the buildings that the tender document called earthquake unsafe. "We recommend that an advisory team be drawn up from eminent professionals, including architects, urban designers, art historians and landscape architects, so that a formal roadmap is laid out for development of the area. With such a comprehensive urban development plan in the first stage, the second stage should include a detailed plan of buildings that need re-purposing," said architect Anuj Srivastava.

"Good design doesn't come from lowest tenders and number of staff, it comes from good ideas. Why should we not have the best ideas for our most important place in the Capital?" said Shamit Manchanda, chairman, Northern Chapter, IIA. The need for an open design competition has been their recommendation since September 12, when the pre-bid meeting was called.

"There are numerous layers to our city building. This project appears to dissolve all that in the name of building a 'new India'. Somebody should define what it means...," said Nikhil Segel, who represented the SPA Alumni Association.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Wular Conservation and Management Authority, Kashmir (WUCMA)

Tender Notice No.: 01 of 2019-20 DATED:- 18.09.2019 (e-Tender)

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(Including Old Tracks) in all kinds of Soil like Earth, Clay, Silt, Peal, by way of mechanical means such as Cutter Suction

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set of Terms and Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the website:

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four men allegedly broke into four shops and fled with cash and other items, police arrested a man and apprehended two minors from Dwarka Wednesday.

shot dead

him multiple times.

for murder

Nadda to BJP workers forward and feel blessed thev

were alive when such a historic decision took place. "We should consider ourselves lucky that we witnessed

this historic step. The abrogation of special provisions for J&K is a historic step. India has become so powerful at the world stage under our leadership. Now, it is our responsibility to bring Kashmir into the mainstream, ensure its progress, and ward off the evil eye that was cast on it," he said. A nine-minute film was also

shown, which covered the efforts of the party's senior leaders — from Syama Prasad Mookerjee to Atal Bihari Vajpayee to Narendra Modi to Amit Shah in removing Article 370.

Delhi BJP chief Manoj Tiwari said the film will be taken to ward-, district- and booth-level workers, and they will be asked to show it to people in their constituencies: "We should know what is Article 370 and 35(A), what were the disadvantages...'



ety in Gurgaon has been arrested for allegedly raping a teenager who lives in the building, after luring her to the terrace under the pretext of giving her a gift.

According to police, the incident took place Monday when the teenager's mother, a housewife, had gone to Delhi for some work. In her complaint, the woman said that while she was out, her neighbour called her and said her daughter had been raped and was injured.

"The complainant rushed home, where her daughter told her that the lift engineer called her under the pretext of wanting to give her a gift and took her to the terrace in the lift," said Subhash Boken, PRO of

to the terrace on the pretext of giving her a gift, said police

The accused lured her

Gurgaon Police. It was there, the girl alleged, that the accused raped her, handed her a pill and fled the spot. "The victim was admitted for

treatment at a hospital and an FIR was registered under the POCSO Act," said the PRO. The accused, Arun Sharma

(21), who hails from Sonepat and lives in Gurgaon on rent, was arrested Wednesday morning. "He had become acquainted

with the victim three months ago when he began working at the building. He has been produced in court and sent to judicial custody," said Boken.

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल संख्या-1, धनबाद

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Upadhyay's birth anniversary Wednesday. Prem Nath Pandey

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emergency

numbers

ON WEDNESDAY, Delhi became the second union territory to implement the new Emergency Response Support System

(ERSS-112) since it was inaugu-

rated by Union Minister Rajnath

Singh in February. DCP (Operations and Communications) S K Singh said, "ERSS-112 is a single emergency number for police, fire and ambulance. With the implementation of ERSS-112 system, the police response time is reduced."

While ERSS-112 was inaugurated by Kishan Reddy, MoS Home Affairs, Wednesday, it was

being tested for the last 10 days. Singh said: "It's difficult to remember so many emergency numbers, especially if you are travelling from one state/UT to another. This will simplify things

for the users." "At least 18 states and two



Wednesday. Prem Nath Pandey

Footage shows the accused shooting at the victim even as he tries to run away

Gunman climbs atop car to finish Dwarka hit job bery case, then there's a case in businessmen in Dwarka and Narendra's business partner. He

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL

NEW DELHI. SEPTEMBER 25

A DAY after a 45-year-old property dealer-turned-politician was shot dead outside his office in Dwarka, investigation revealed that he had refused to give protection money to gangster Kapil Sangwan alias Nandu after open-

17 people died in the fire in February. Archive

fire victim seeks

PRITAM PAL SINGH

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 25

THE FAMILY of a 33-year-old

man, who died in a fire that swept

through a hotel in Karol Bagh on

February 12, Wednesday ap-

proached the Delhi High Court

seeking over Rs 2 crore as com-

minor children and wife sought

directions to the Delhi govern-

ment and six other authorities to

"pay jointly and severely a sum

of Rs 2,46,78,430 as compensa-

Taking note of the demand,

It issued a notice to the Delhi

government, North Delhi

Municipal Corporation, Delhi

Fire Services, DCP Licensing

Branch of Delhi Police, Delhi

Pollution Control Committee,

Inspector of Lifts, BSES Yamuna

Power Limited and the two own-

ers of the hotel, and scheduled

the hearing on January 22, 2020.

Additional Standing Counsel

Sanjoy Ghose contested the de-

mand, saying that the family of

the victim, Pranav Kumar

Bhaskar, has been paid Rs 5 lakh

by the Delhi government in addi-

government's

Justice Navin Chawla sought to

know the stand of the govern-

ment and authorities.

The victim's parents, his two

pensation.

tion" to them.

Delhi

Family of Hotel Arpit

Rs 2 cr compensation

ing a restaurant-cum-bar.

his back.

On Wednesday night, police

property dealer Narendra Gehlot. The murder took place around 4.30 pm. In the video, Narendra is seen speaking to someone while sitting in the car. Once the man leaves and Narendra starts driving, the accused approaches and starts

"He was outside his office

and a helper was talking to him. As soon as the helper left, the accused approached Narendra and shot him," said police.

Police said Narendra had contested the municipal corporation elections in 2012 as an independent candidate but had lost. Four criminal cases were registered against him — the first in 2001 and the last in 2017, police said. "The 2001 case is a rob-

Sonepat, and another in Dwarka, and a culpable homicide case in 2017," said an officer.

Sources told *The Indian* Express that Sangwan has been absconding after the Crime Branch booked him under the stringent Maharashtra Control of Organised Crimes Act (MCOCA) for making calls seeking protection money to several nearby areas. "During investigation, police

found that a few days ago, Sangwan sent two of his associates to Narendra's restaurantcum-bar. They were allegedly beaten up by Narendra when they demanded money from him," a police source said.

Police also came to know that Sangwan had also called gave his phone to Narendra, who again refused to pay any protection money. Police said four teams have

been formed to nab the accused. "We are going through multiple CCTVs to ascertain the entry and exit points of the accused, who came on a bike. We are also looking for details of the vehicle," said a police officer.

had failed in either one or two pa-

pers to clear them. In mid-May,

the department had begun con-

ducting regular remedial classes

in mathematics and science for

UTs have ERSS-112 now," Singh said. He added that 100 (for police), 101 (for fire) and 108 (for medical emergencies) are functional for now, but will be phased out with time.



Police chief Amulya Patnaik,

ciates and are questioning him. Police have recovered a Police identified the victim as

chilling video of a man wearing a helmet, who approaches the victim's SUV and starts firing. As the victim gets out of the vehicle to escape, the shooter gets on top of a car and continues firing, even as the victim clutches

detained one of Sangwan's asso-

tion to being paid Rs 2 lakh by

chargesheet has already been

filed against the owners of the

hotel, Rakesh Goel and his

child, were killed in the fire that

broke out in Hotel Arpit Palace in

Karol Bagh. The chargesheet has

termed that the hotel was being

sel argued that even in the Uphaar

fire tragedy, where 59 people died,

the Supreme Court had reduced

the quantum of compensation

awarded by the Delhi HC from

To this, Justice Chawla ob-

served that the Uphaar tragedy

took place long ago. "Why don't

you (Delhi government and

other authorities) file your

replies before the next date of

with Hindustan Petroleum

Corporation Limited, Government

of India enterprises, as an assistant

manager, had checked into the

plea, stated that "a crime has

been committed. A wrong has

been done and many citizens have lost their lives because the

State was not vigilant enough".

The father of the victim, in his

hotel to attend a conference.

Bhaskar, who worked

The Delhi government coun-

At least 17 people, including a

brother Sharad Indu Goel.

run like a "death trap".

Rs 18 lakh to Rs 10 lakh.

hearing," it said.

Ghose submitted that a

the Centre.

Model Class X answer sheets for govt school-goers

SUKRITA BARUAH

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 25

AS PART of its intensified drive to improve performance of its students in class X board examinations, the Delhi government's education department has distributed highest-scoring board examination answer sheets as "models" to its schools.

According to an education department official, these answer

year's board examinations, were procured through a "special arrangement with the CBSE" to "help its students".

scored the highest marks in this

This is the first time that such "model" answer papers are being distributed by the education department to its schools. Five "best papers" each from the 2019 board examination have been distributed for English, Hindi, mathematics, science and social science.

In a circular announcing that sheets, of students who had these answer sheets were avail-

able on a closed online portal, the education department wrote, "Teachers may take reference of these answer sheets to motivate students. This will help them improve their writing skills and develop effective techniques for attempting the question paper in an ideal manner."

Class X board exam results have been a problem for Delhi government's schools, which registered a low pass percentage of 71.97% this year — behind the national pass percentage of 91.10%

these schools at the class XII level, where they had registered a 94.29% pass percentage. After the results were an-

as well as the performance of

nounced in May, the education department has been taking several steps to try and improve its track record.

It went into a focused drive to increase the percentage through compartment examinations, results of which were announced in July. These examinations give a second chance to students who

these students and managed to raise the pass percentage to 81.4%. Director of Education Binay Bhushan could not be reached for a comment. The CBSE had released sam-

ple question papers for 2020's class X and and class XII board examinations, along with the marking schemes, on September 19.

PROTECTING INVESTING FINANCING ADVISING

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER ELECTRIC PLANNING AND DESIGN CIRCLE, SRINAGAR. (E-mail id: epndcs@gmail.com)

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Reference: NIT No. EPDC/e-NIT-24/PLG of 2019

For and on behalf of the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir State, the Superintending Engineer, Electric Planning and Design Circle, Srinagar, invites e-Tenders (In two Cover System) from Original Manufacturers for DESIGN, ENGINEERING, MANUFACTURE, SHOP TESTING, SUPPLY INCLUDING PACKING, LOADING AND FORWARDING, TRANSPORTATION, DELIVERY, UNLOADING AT SITE, SUPERVISION DURING TESTING AND COMMISSIONING WITH OLTC, RTCC SCADA COMPATIBLE, NIFPES AND OTHER ACCES SORIES OF THREE PHASE (4 NO's) POWER TRANSFORMER 50 MVA, 132/33 KV ONAN/ONAF/OFAF RATING FOR GRID STATION AT AMARGARH, CHADOORA, ZAINAKOTE (KASHMIR PROVINCE) AND DRABA (JAMMU PROVINCE)

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Office of Chief Engineer, EP&D Wing, Bemina, Srinagar

Sd/- Superintending Engineer

Electric and Design Circle, Srinagar

FORM NO. 15 **BEFORE, THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL**

Wing: A, B & F (2nd Floor), Karpuri Thakur Sadan, Kendriya Karmchari Parisar (GPOA), Near Rajiv Nagar Thana, Ashiana Digha Road, Patna 800025

O.A/M.A No. 389 of 2019 Applicant: SBI Danapur Branch

Respondent/Defendants: Amit Kumar & another SUMMONS

ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993.

1. Shiv Shankar Prasad Jaiswal S/o Dayanand Prasad, R/o at & P.O-Daudpur, P.S-Shahpur, Distt.-Patna. Whereas, the application has Instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Bank & Financial Institution Act, 1993 against the defendants for the Recovery of a sum of Rs. 14,13,476/- (Rupees Fourteen lacs thirteen thousand four

hundred seventy six only). The above mentioned defendants are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in Person or through ar advocate or duly authorized agent, in support of their defense to show Cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on 26/09/2019 a 10.30 A.M. (forenoon) as to why reliefs prayed for should not be

Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the day mentioned. Herein before the proceeding will be heard and determined in your absence.

Give under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 9th day of Aug.

Asst. Registrar (I/C) **Debts Recovery Tribunal Patna**

ADITYA BIRLA

Registered Office: Indian Rayon Compound, Veraval, Gujarat - 362 266 CIN NO.: U6599OGJ1991PLC064603

APPENDIX IV [Under Rule 8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002] POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

The undersigned being the authorized officer of the Aditya Birla Finance Imited, 2nd Floor, UCO Bank Building, 5, Parliament Street, New Delhi 110001 under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act No. 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 28.01.2019 Calling upon the Borrowers/Co-Borrowers of M/s Shalin Impox Private Limited, Mr. Sanjay Kumar, Ms. Shalini Verma, Mr. Rajiv Kumar, Ms. Malini Verma, Mr. Siddhortha Sanjay to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 4,45,00, 307.72 (Rupees Four Crores Forty Five Lace Three Hundred Seven and Seventy Two Palsa Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower; co-borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the Property described berein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rule on this 23rd Day of September of the year Two

The borrower/co-borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Aditya Birla Finance Limited. 2nd Floor, UCO Bank Building, 5, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001 for an amount Rs. 4,45,00,307.72 (Rupees Four Crores Forty Five Lacs Three Hundred Seven and Seventy Two Paisa Only) and interest thereon. The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the Secured Assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:

All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Apartment No 301, Duplex on 3rd & 4th Floor, Block No. 2, namely, Heritage City and having super area 1849.00 Sq. feet (171.84 Sq. meter) along with Terrace Area 230 Sq. ft., comprising of Drawing-cum-dining room, one bed room with attached toilet, kitchen, servant room with W.C. & terrace on 3rd floor and two bed rooms with attached toilets and terrace on 4th floor. In the said group housing complex, Heritage City, situated at village Sirhaul, Tehsil & District, Gurgaon (Haryana) East-Neighbour, West-Neighbour, South-Neighbour, North-Road ADITYA BIRLA FINANCE LIMITED

PLACE : DELHI DATE : 26-09-2019

Parking policy notified, to be free in areas

of residence

New Delhi: The capital Wednesday took a major stride towards linking parking charges with pollution levels, and duration and volume of traffic, with the Delhi Transport Department notifying the longpending parking policy.

Under

Maintenance and Management of Parking Places Rules, 2019, the civic bodies will now have to prepare area-specific parking plans within the next four months, which means parking charges may increase by early next year.

the

Delhi

Parking in residential areas will, however, not be charged. The civic bodies will fix new charges on a base fee, which will be fixed by a committee headed by the transport commissioner. The policy will mandate that onstreet parking for the first hour be priced "at least twice of offstreet parking".

"Dynamic pricing mechanism such as peak and off-peak fee and exponential increase would be used to moderate parking demand. Long term off-street parking space for shopkeepers, Metro users, residents, could be priced through monthly passes or token systems," the rules state. **ENS**



Venue of Pre-Bid Conference and Opening of

DIPK-NB-0344/M

Head Office: 2, Netaji Subhash Road, Kolkata-700001 **Zonal Office:** Gaya

NOTICE OF E-AUCTION

E-auction of property on 06.11.2019 on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS, AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" & "WHATEVER THERE IS" on the platform https://allahabadbank.auctiontiger.net

E-auction sale notice for sale of Immovable Assets under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and guarantor/s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Allahabad Bank Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is" "As is what is" and "whatever there is" basis as on 06.11.2019. The details of bank's dues, Borrower & Guarantors, Reserve Price, Earnest mone & Description of immovable properties is given below:

No	· ·	Name of the Borrower(S)	Amount of Secured Debt	Reserve Price (in Rs)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Branch
01	(1) Equitable Mortgage of all part & parcel of land & Building situated at Chilhaki, P.O. Amba, P.S. Kutumba, District- Aurangabad having Khata No-45 Plot No 705, Thana No-467, Thana Kutumba, Area 12.5 Decimals standing in the name of Smt Lalita Devi W/o Sri Pravin Kumar vide sale deed No-11460 dated 06-08-2013 Book No-1 Zild No-155/2013 Page No-182-189, Bounded as under (as per deed): North- Shyam Bihari Pandey & Rasta, South-Nawal Kishore Sharma, East- Sheo Pujan Prajapati, West- Pramod Pandey. (2) Equitable mortgage of all part & parcel of land & Building situated at Chilhaki P.O. Amba P.S-Kutumba, District-Aurangabad having Khata No-45 Plot No-510,513 Thana No-467, Thana–Kutumba Area-7.812 decimals standing in the name of Smt. Lalita Devi w/o Sri Pravin Kumar vide sale deed No-11793 dated 03-11-2011 (Book No 01) Zild No-157/2011 page No-397-404 CD-25. Bounded as under (as per deed): North-Bijay Pandey, South-Road & Nij, East-Pramod Pandey, West -Prahlad Pandey.	Prop: Smt Lalita Devi W/O Sri Praveen Kumar, Address: Ward No.12, New Area, M.G. Road, Aurangabad, DisttAurangabad (Bihar), PIN- 824101	₹ 80,49,766/- (Rs. Eighty Lakh Forty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Six Only) with up to date interest. as on 16.04.2019 Cost & Charges thereon till the date of realization	₹ 52,59,000/- (Rupees Fifty Two Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand only)	₹ 5,25,900/- (Five Lakh Twenty Five Thousand and Nine Hundred Only only)	Aurangabad

Last Date & time for Submission of Process compliance Form with EMD amount: 04.11.2019 till 4.00 PM at Allahabad Bank, Aurangabad Branch, Bihar.

Date & Time of e-auction: 06.11.2019 from 12.30 PM to 2.30 PM at the platform of http://allahabadbank.auctiontiger.net For further details and Terms & Conditions, Contact: Shri Mithilesh Kumar Jha (Chief Manager), Mob-8004585000/9593653562, Shri Ayush

Kumar Bhadani (Senior Manager), Mob-8052365563, Rajeev Kumar (Branch Manager)-7979096589.

For downloading further details and Terms & Conditions, Please Visit: (i) https://www.allahabadbank.in (ii) http://www.tenders.gov.ir (iii) https://allahabadbank.auctiontiger.net Date : 24.09.2019 **Authorized Officer**

Place: Aurangabad **Allahabad Bank**

AUTHORIZED OFFICER ALLAHABAD BANK

POSSESSION NOTICE FOR (IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Head Office: 2, Netaji Subhash Road, Kolkata-700001

Whereas: The undersined being the authorised officer of the Allahabad Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rules 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a Demand Notice u/s 13(2) on the date noted against the Account as mentioned hereinafter, calling upon the borrower to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and

any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Allahabad Bank for an amount and interest thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of

time available, to redeem the secured asset.

Name of the Branch	Name of the Account	Name of the Borrower/ Guarantor (Mortgagor)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession Notice	on the date of demand notice
Singhpur	M/s Aasma Rana Enterprises, Prop.:-Shri Manoj Kumar Singh S/o Shri Brij Kishore Singh, resident of VillDarmi, P.O-Khadiha, PS-Simra, District-Aurangabad, Bihar-824102 & Mohalla-Shahpur, Ward No08, PO- & PS-Aurangabad, Bihar-824101	Devi W/o Shri Brij Kishore Singh		20.09.2019	₹27,19,624/- (Rs. twenty seven lakh nineteen thousand six hundred twenty four Only) plus Interest.

Description of the charged/mortgaged property: All that part and parcel of the land and building along with present and future construction thereon; (I) In the name of Smt. Pan Kunwar Devi W/o Shri Brij Kishore Singh admeasuring 05 decimal, Sale Deed No-17252 dated 06-12-1989, registered on 17-02-1990, bearing Book No-1, Zild No-7/90, Page No-594 597, Comprising in Khata No-233, Plot No-1209, Thana No-566 Situated at Shahpur Nagar Parishad, Ward No-08, Mauza Shahpur, PS Aurangabad. District- Aurangabad Bihar. Bounded as under: (as per deed) Or

the North by: Nand Kishore Singh & Yugal Kishore Singh, On the South by: Ram Lakhan Singh & Ashok Singh, On the East by: Gair Majarua, On the West by: Kharidar & Awadesh Singh. (II) In the name of Smt Pan Kunwar Devi W/o Shri Brij Kishore Singh, Situated at Village- Darmi P.O.-Khadiha, P.S.- Simra District Aurangabad having Khata No-19 & 3 Plot Nos-315, 336, 517 & 563, Thana–Kutumba, Thana No- 424 Total Area 48 Decimals vide Registered sale deed No-8640 dated 18-06-1993 Registered on 16-10-1993 bearing book No-1 Zild No-72/93 Page No-355 to 358. Boundary for Khata No-19 & Plot No-315, Area -13 Decimals (As Per deed). On the North by: Raj Kishore Singh, On the South by: Bharat Singh, On the East by: Surendra Singh, On the West by: Santu Singh. Boundary for Khata No-19 & Plot No-336, Area -15 Decimals (As Per deed). On the North by: Purchaser, On the South by: Pind, On the East by: Pind, On the West by Kaushal Yadav, Boundary for Khata No-19 & Plot No-517, Area -15 Decimals (As Per deed). On the North by Purchaser, On the South by: Mokir, On the East by: Ragho Singh, On the West by: Anirudh Singh & Others Boundary for Khata No-03 & Plot No-563, Area-05 Decimals (As Per deed) On the North by: Ragho Singh

Date: 20.09.2019 **Authorised Officer** Place: Singhpur (Allahabad Bank)

On the South by: Purchaser, On the East by: Ragho Singh, On the West by: Raj Kishore Singh & Others

GOVT & POLITICS



DELHI CONFIDENTIAL



Selfie Seekers

SUPREME COURT judge Justice D Y Chandrachud was virtually mobbed by law students for pictures and autographs while he was leaving an event in central Delhi on Tuesday. Even when the judge said he was busy with the Ayodhya hearing in the Supreme Court and was in a hurry to leave, the students did not budge. He also tried telling them that seeing them argue in his court would make him happier than posing for a picture, but even that did not discourage the students. He then posed for a few pictures but when requests did not stop, the judge suggested the students take one group selfie and dashed out.

RUSH TO INAUGURATE

THE TMC government in West Bengal stole a march of sorts on Centre as its minister "inaugurated" a portion of a bridge in Bardhaman built by Railways over its own yard. Railways was planning to get it inaugurated by Railway Minister Piyush Goyal next week. Bengal BJP chief Dilip Ghosh termed the TMC's move "ridiculous" on Twitter as the bridge is still undergoing finishing touches. Some say the TMC's eagerness to claim credit for the unique, cable-stayed bridge is because as per rules, the state shares half the cost of such bridges across India. Railways had even informed the state chief secretary that the bridge is not yet complete for public use. Last heard, Railways has now decided to get its MoS Suresh Angadi to formally inaugurate the bridge on Friday.

PLAYING SAFE

THIS TIME, the birth anniversary celebrations of BJP ideologue Deendayal Upadhyaya are going to be unique. Every year, during the celebrations, BJP workers clean statues of Upadhyaya along with other leaders of the RSS and Mahatma Gandhi in their localities. However, this time, a circular issued by BJP president Amit Shah has asked workers to undertake cleanliness drives and also clean statues of great leaders and personalities in and around their towns irrespective of their ideologies. So, BJP office corridors were abuzz with light-hearted chatter that they should ensure they are not photographed cleaning statues of Congress leaders as this could come back to haunt them on social media.

Decide waiver plea on disqualification this month: Sikkim CM to EC

Prem Singh Tamang

Within EC's

THERE HAVE been prece-

dents of the EC exercising

is powers under Section

11 to remove or reduce

disqualification of a con-

victed person. Last year,

Court, in an affidavit, that

the poll panel had in-

formed the Supreme

in 1977 it had reduced

the period of disqualifi-

Shyam Narain Tiwari and Mitra Sen Yadav. They

cation of two Uttar Pradesh MLAs namely

were convicted of

criminal offences.

powers

RITIKA CHOPRA NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 25

SIKKIM CHIEF Minister Prem Singh Tamang has urged the Election Commission (EC) to decide his request for reducing the period of his disqualification before September 30.

Tamang met Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora and Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra on Wednesday to seek early disposal of his plea.

Tamang, who was appointed on May 27, needs to get elected to the legislative assembly within six months of his appointment. However, he is barred from contesting polls on account of being convicted of corruption. If the EC refuses to lift the ban on Tamang, he will have to resign from the post.

As first reported by The Indian Express on July 29, Tamang had approached the Commission to waive the remaining period of his disqualification under Section 11 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951. On Wednesday, he reiterated the request and urged the Commission to decide the matter before September 30 so that he can contest polls before the six-month deadline ends.

Sikkim went to polls on April 11, simultaneously with the Lok Sabha elections, in which Tamang's party, Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM), defeated the the Sikkim Democratic Front, which had ruled the state for five consecutive terms. SKM is an ally of the BJP and part of the NDA at the

Centre. Tamang served a year in prison between 2017 and 2018 after he was found guilty of misappropriating government funds in a cow distribution scheme while he was the minister of animal husbandry in the

He was released on August 2018. Under the Representation of People Act, 1951, those convicted and im-

prisoned under the Prevention of Corruption Act are disqualified from contesting elections during the period of incarceration and until six years after release.

According to EC officials, the Minister, during Chief Wednesday's meeting, made the case that he was framed by his political rival and former Chief Minister Pawan Kumar Chamling. Tamang is learned to have also said that if he cannot retain his chief ministership,

horse-trading will ensue.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with (from left) Singapore PM Lee Hsien Loong, Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, South Korean President Moon Jae-in, New Zealand PM Jacinda Ardern, Jamaican PM Andrew Holness at UNGA. PTI

PM receives Goalkeeper award, hails commitment of all Indians

Rajasthan girl honoured for opposing child marriages in her village

ABANTIKA GHOSH NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 25

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi was on Wednesday honoured with the Global Goalkeeper award by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for the Swacch Bharat Abhiyan launched by his government. Payal Jangid, a 16-year-old activist from Rajasthan, received the Changemaker award for her movement against child marriages in her village. After receiving the award

from Bill Gates, Modi said it is a recognition for the cleanliness mission and the commitment with which 130 crore Indians internalised and spread the message of Swacch Bharat. "When I announced Swacch Bharat, there were adverse comments. But on the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, as I stand here to receive the award, I am doing so on behalf of 130 crore people who made sanitation a part of their lives. I am reminded of the old woman who sold her goats to build toilets in her village, the retired teacher who donated his entire pension and the married woman who sold her mangalsutra to build toilets," Modi said.

Sanitation is goal number 6 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). On September 25, 2015, at the United Nations headquarters in New York, 193 world leaders committed to the 17 SDGs. These are a series of objec-



Payal Jangid (16) receives the 'Changemaker Award' from UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina J **Mohammed.** PTI

tives aimed at achieving three goals by 2030 — end poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and fix climate change.

Goalkeepers is the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's campaign to accelerate progress towards achieving the SDGs. By sharing stories and data behind the goals through events and an annual report, the foundation hopes to inspire a new generation of leaders — Goalkeepers who raise awareness of progress, hold their leaders accountable, and drive action to achieve the goals.

Modi said it is the people-led nature of Swacch Bharat that sets it apart. "I know of no other country that has done something like this. A WHO report

said that it managed to save 3 lakh lives, UNICEF says Swacch Bharat helped every village save Rs 50,000 by preventing diseases and there is a report by BMGF that says the mission helped improve BMI in women and also helped prevent heart diseases in children. It is not just saving the lives and dignity of Indian people but the 11,000 crore toilets helped in boosting rural economy by giving new avenues of Yojana in mind, the government income. India is now making cannot yield on lifting the price massive strides into cooperative federalism," he said.

He also spoke about programmes like Fit India, National Nutrition Mission, Jal Jeevan Mission and the determination to end single-use plastic by 2022.

Jangid, who works with the Bachpan Bachao Andolan, spoke about her own escape from being married off as a child. "In Hisla village of Rajasthan, my parents are labourers. Now I am now doing my graduation. My experience shows that every young person is capable of making a difference, all they need is an opportunity.'

Among the other awardees are Gregory Rockson from Ghana, who won the award for his work on rural pharmacies and Aya Chhebi of Tunisia for a pan-African, action-oriented, youthled movement that strives for the participation, development and leadership of African youth.

(The author was in New York on the invitation of the Bill and *Melinda Gates Foundation)*

India-US trade talks stuck over price cap on medical devices could not be resolved.



SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 25

INDIA AND the US were not able to finalise an "understanding" on trade and tariff-related issues, as Delhi was not willing to yield on the price control on medical devices, especially on coronary stents.

According to highly placed sources, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had instructed the Indian negotiators that, keeping the Ayushman Bharat cap on coronary stents.

Sources said the price cap on coronary stents is "critical" to the success of Avushman Bharat the government's flagship health coverage scheme. While Delhi wants to keep price control on knee implants as well, the issue of coronary stents was a "red line" for the Indian negotiators.

According to sources, cardiac surgery is among the most sought-after procedures, and government data shows that one- and two-stent angioplasty tops the list of packages offered under the scheme, followed by radiotherapy, knee replacement and hip replacement.

So, while Delhi and Washington bridged the gap on most of the trade and tariff-related issues, this became a key sticking point. While Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal and Commerce Secretary Anup Wadhawan came to New York for last-minute negotiations with US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer, this issue

Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale explained that the trade issues are "complex" since they "involve domestic industry on both the sides, jobs on both sides, and reconciling the gives-andtakes requires a certain amount of discussion, and certain amount of balance". "We have made significant progress in the regard and are quite confident we will make further progress in the future," he said.

"We expect it to be a fair and reasonable deal, and we have laid out our requirements, and so has the US side. It is now a matter of negotiating between the two sides on individual issues, to ensure that our requirement of access to the US markets, and for Indian companies and exporters to continue to do so, and also in new products, is secured. We also addressed the US side's concerns regarding what they consider to be trade deficit," he said.

The US government has been pushing India to lift the price caps on coronary stents and knee implants, at the behest of US medical device manufacturers. The medical device imports have jumped 24% to Rs 38,837 crore in FY19, according to the latest export-import data. The US is the largest exporter of medical devices to India, constituting one-fifth of the total, followed by Germany, China, Singapore and the Netherlands.

Gokhale said India and the US have made "significant progress in growing the trade in the last three-four years and also reducing the trade deficit". He said both sides "felt optimistic of reaching some kind of a trade agreement in the near future. and the discussions will con-

In 2017, India slashed prices by 85% and capped the trade margins for coronary stents, following it up with a round of price controls on knee implants. The move hit many US companies.

Amid Indo-Pak tension, SAARC

India announces \$150 million line of credit for **Pacific Island** nations

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 25

FOUR YEARS after India first reached out to the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS) in leaders-level summit, New Delhi took another step towards re-engaging with these countries in the forefront of battle against climate change, as well as the Indo-Pacific faultiness between the US and China.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday announced allocation of \$12 million grant (\$1 million to each PSIDS) towards implementation of high-impact developmental project in the area of their choice.

In addition, a concessional Line of Credit of \$150 million which can be availed by the PSIDS for undertaking solar, renewable energy and climate related projects based on each country's requirement, was announced.

Addressing leaders of these countries on Tuesday, Modi said, "It is a matter of happiness that India has a friendly relations with all of them. We have a stake in each other's development; we will increase the partnership with this summit."

Reaffirming his commitment for providing development assistance for capacity building Modi proposed to depute technical experts to provide training and offered to organise specialised courses also under ITEC programme in priority areas identified by partner countries. including "training of diplomats' from Pacific Island nations at the Foreign Service Institute.

In the health sector, the Prime Minister offered to organise a Jaipur Foot Artificial Limb Fitment Camp in a Pacific regional hub under 'India for Humanity' programme.

The meeting took place on the sidelines of the 74th UNGA and was attended by heads of delegations of Fiji, Republic of Kiribati Republic of Marshall Islands Federated States of Micronesia Republic of Nauru, Republic of Palau, Independent State of Papua New Guinea, The Independent State of Samoa, Solomon Islands, Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu and Republic of Vanuatu.

Resolve Kashmir issue through dialogue: Erdogan

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 25

TURKEY'S PRESIDENT Recep Tayvip Erdogan on Tuesday raised the issue of Jammu and Kashmir at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), calling for a solution for the dispute through dialogue between Pakistan and India.

So far, Turkey is the only country to raise the issue of Kashmir at the UNGA. This is not the first time that Turkey has spoken on Kashmir — on August 6, the Turkish Foreign Ministry had expressed "concern" at what it had called "annulment of the Article 370" that "could further increase the existing tension".

On Tuesday, Erdogan said the international community has "failed" to "pay enough attention" to the Kashmir conflict, which "awaits solution" for 72 years.

"In order for the Kashmiri

people to look at a safe future together with their Pakistani and Indian neighbours, it is imperative to solve the problem through dialogue and on the basis of justice and equity, but not through collision," he said.

"Despite the resolutions adopted by the UNSC, Kashmir is still besieged and eight million people are stuck in Kashmir. They cannot get out," he said.

Erdogan said the stability and prosperity of South Asia cannot be separated from the Kashmir issue. "The invasions, conflicts and terrorist activities for almost four decades in Afghanistan have led to instability in the region," he said, talking about the region.

Following Erdogan's remarks, Pakistan PM Imran Khan thanked him for raising the issue at the UNGA. He also said, "I appreciate President Erdogan's statement that the stability and prosperity of South Asia cannot be separated from the Kashmir issue.'

Trump encouraged PM to improve ties with Pakistan, says White House

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 25

A DAY after the meeting between US President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the White House on Wednesday said the President "encouraged Prime Minister Modi to improve relations with Pakistan and fulfill his promise to better the lives of the Kashmiri people".

"The President reaffirmed the importance of greatly increasing trade between the United States and India. and highlighted the need for resolving barriers to free, fair, and reciprocal trade, which includes improving United States companies' market access in India," the statement said.

It also said that both leaders expressed concerns about the situation in Afghanistan.

foreign ministers to meet today

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 25

AMID POLITICAL and diplomatic rhetoric between India and Pakistan, foreign ministers of SAARC countries will meet in New York on Thursday.

There is no separate meeting planned between External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Pakistan's Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi.

Last year, then External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj had walked out of the Foreign ministers' meeting after her speech, citing other engagements. She was not present when Qureshi gave his speech at the meeting. India had cancelled a bilateral meeting with Pakistan on the sidelines of UN General Assembly last year after agreeing to it earlier.

This is the first time Jaishankar and Oureshi will be



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah **Mahmood Qureshi**

attending a multilateral meeting after the special status of Jammu and Kashmir was revoked.

Speaking at Asia Society Policy Institute in New York on Tuesday, Jaishankar defended the government's move on Article 370 and said the provision in the Constitution that gave Kashmir a special status was a temporary provision.

He said after the Narendra Modi government was reelected, it looked at its options on

the issue. "And the options were either we do more of the same knowing it doesn't work, or we do something different. So I think the choice was ok, we will do something different. And that something different, by the way, has no implications for the external boundaries of India," he said.

Jaishankar said over the years lack of development and opportunity in Jammu and Kashmir "created a sense of alienation." alienation to separatism, separatism used for terrorism".

Pakistan now sees its "investment" of 70 years undercut if this policy succeeds, he said. "So theirs is today a reaction of anger, of frustration in many ways, because you have built an entire industry over a long period of time." He emphasised that India has no problem talking to Pakistan. "But we have a problem talking to Terroristan. And they have to be one and not be the other," he said.

CHURCH LEADERS, COMMUNITY ALREADY WORRIED: NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR MINORITIES VICE-CHAIR

'Love jihad on in Kerala, conversion into terror, not Islam'

LIZ MATHEW NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 25

IN WHAT could redraw the fault

lines in Kerala's bipolar politics, National Commission for Minorities (NCM) vice-chairman George Kurian has alleged that there are many cases of organised conversion of Christian women not into Islam but Islamic terrorism.

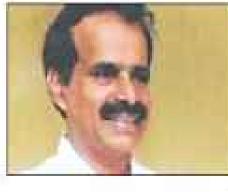
In some cases, he maintained, they were "used as courier for terror activities".

"Love iihad is on, and it has been continuing in the state for a while. Here conversion is not into Islam, but into terrorism. Even the Muslim community is

objecting to it," Kurian, who has written to Home Minister Amit Shah seeking a probe by the **National Investigating Agency** (NIA) and to bring in a law to curb such conversions, told The *Indian Express* on Wednesday. In his letter to Shah, Kurian

has cited the case of a Malayali Christian woman from Delhi who was abducted to a West Asian country. He stated that her parents have expressed fear that she could have been misled or cheated of brainwashed or abducted and led astray with very "nefarious designs" such as joining an outfit such as the Islamic

State (IS) or being used as a slave. On Wednesday, Kurian said the Ministry of External Affairs



National Commission for Minorities vice-chairman George Kurian

has got in touch with her family to take up the matter.

Kurian wrote that "fears expressed by the parents are not misplaced, given experiences in earlier similar cases".

Kerala had earlier seen several complaints from Hindutva outfits about Hindu women allegedly being brainwashed into marriage with Muslim men, and the NIA had probed a few cases of interfaith marriages after several marriages were brought to the notice of law enforcement agencies by parents of couples. The NIA failed to find any evidence of coercion into marriage in any case.

Sources said the issue of conversion, which has worried the Kerala church leadership and in the community, could be utilised by BJP, which is keen on constructing a social coalition of Christians and Hindus in a state where the party is yet to make deep electoral inroads. Christian

and Muslim minorities constitute nearly half the state's population.

In his letter. Kurian referred to another incident in Kozhikode district, where a Christian college student was allegedly raped "after her juice was laced with sedatives". He wrote, "The act was also filmed to blackmail the victim to get her to convert to Islam; when she refused, an attempt was made to abduct her from the hostel..."

Kurian on Wednesday said the police have arrested the main accused in this case.

"The Kerala Catholic Bishops Conference's Commission for Social Harmony and Vigilance had launched a campaign against the 'social evil' in its publication in Jagrata," he wrote to Shah. Quoting the Commission, he stated. "It's shocking that around 4000 girls have been subjected to religious conversion since 2005 (and until 2012) after they fell in love".

According to Kurian, another study has found that more than 2.600 women were converted to Islam between 2006 and 2009. He said he got reports that around 40 or 50 of these womer

"...It was found that in most cases the victims were brain-

washed and in some cases they were used as courier for terror ac tivities. Many a time victims' families refuse to come and report the issue fearing threat..." he said.

were from Kozhikode district.

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NORTH

10 killed as truck hits auto-rickshaw in Jind

Chandigarh: Ten men were killed when a truck hit an auto-rickshaw in Haryana's lind district, police said on Wednesday. The accident took place near a village on Jind-Hisar road Tuesday night, they said.

"Among the dead were eight youths who were returning from an Army recruitment rally in Hisar. The auto-rickshaw driver and a local resident were also killed," a police officer said. Another youth who took part in the recruitment drive was critically injured and is in hospital, he said. The youths killed in the mishap were in the 18-22 years age group, the officer said.



Union Home Minister and BJP chief Amit Shah pays tribute to Deendayal Upadhyay on his birth anniversary at the BJP office in Delhi on Wednesday. Prem Nath Pandey

Bihar cop lodges complaint against Union Minister

Buxar: A complaint has been filed against Union minister Ashwini Kumar Choubey at his Lok Sabha constituency here by a police sub-inspector whom he allegedly threatened in public for sending a notice to a BJP worker, a police officer said on Wednesday.

DSP K K Singh said a complaint has been lodged by S-I

Rajiv Ranjan. Choubey was conducting a *janta durbar* on Monday when BJP worker Laxman Dubey said the S-I, who was present at the venue, has sent him a "goonda notice" under Section 109 of CrPC.

Choubey allegedly told the S-I, "You better mend your ways or I will strip you of your uniform."

WEST

36-year-old man brutalised in Navi Mumbai; five booked

Mumbai: A 36-year-old man was sexually assaulted by five unidentified people at Vashi in Navi Mumbai, police said on Wednesday.

According to the complainant, he was forcibly taken to a deserted place by five men when he was smoking a cigarette, an officer said. The accused are believed to be in the age group of 25-30

years, the officer said, adding that police suspect they might have been under the influence of drugs.

The victim had to undergo an emergency surgery at a private hospital.

A case has been registered under sections 377 and 34 of the IPC, the officer said, adding that no arrest has been made so far.

South

Telugu actor Venu Madhav dies at 51

PM to declare country ODF

on Oct 2: Gujarat Dy CM

Hyderabad: Telugu comedian Venu Madhav, known for his performances in films like Chatrapati and Sye, died here on Wednesday. He was 51. Madhav had been suffering from multiple ailments, in-

cluding chronic liver cirrhosis. Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao, state Congress president and MP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

GANDHINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 25

ON THE 150th birth anniversary

of Mahatma Gandhi, the Centre

has planned a "Swachhata Diw-

as" event in Ahmedabad where

Prime Minister Narendra Modi

will declare the entire nation "Open Defecation Free" (ODF) at

an event attended by 20,000

sarpanches from across India,

Gujarat Deputy Chief Minister

Nitin Patel said on Wednesday.

cial revolution post-independ-

ence," Patel told mediapersons.

The event will be held on the

Sabarmati Riverfront and

will come from across Gujarat

for the event and the rest from

various states, including Uttar

Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra,

Patel said 10,000 sarpanches

Sabarmati Ashram.

"This will be the biggest so-

N Uttam Kumar Reddy, actorturned-politician and Jana Sena Party founder Pawan Kumar and several other leaders condoled Madhav's death.

TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu said the actor had a liking for the party and that his demise is a great loss to TDP and the Telugu film industry.

Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh,

Chhattisgarh and Haryana. The

Gujarat government will be ho-

sting them for three days and has

arranged for 400 buses to take

outside the state will start arriv-

ing from September 29. They have

been grouped into four zones and

taken to places connected to Gan-

dhi in those zones. Those included

in Surat zone will be taken to

Dandi Memorial, those in

Vadodara zone will be taken to

Statue of Unity "built in memory

of Gandhiji's colleague Sardar

Vallabhbhai Patel", and those in

Mehsana and Ahmedabad zones

birthplace of Gandhi, and Rajkot

have been left out, Patel said the

event in Ahmedabad is being or-

ganised in addition to celebra-

Asked why Porbandar, the

will taken to Dandi Kutir.

Patel said sarpanches from

them to Sabarmati Riverfront.

3 HELD FOR SEDITION GET BAIL AFTER 7 MONTHS

Giving bail to J&K students, judge says: purely pvt chat

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BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 25

OVER SEVEN months after they were arrested on charges of sedition for their alleged comments "prejudicial to national integration" on social media and quarrelling with a fellow student in the aftermath of the Pulwama attack — three Kashmiri students have been released on bail in Bengaluru.

Saying that the alleged "antinational" comments were made in the course of a private conversation on social media, Additional District and Sessions Judge Sayed Baleegur Rahaman granted bail on September 20.

"The said conversation is purely a private conversation that took place between the students... in their Facebook account. Whether the conversation between the students would come within the purview of Section 124(A) and 153(B) of the Indian Penal Code has to be considered by this court on merits," the court said.

"Except the Facebook conver-

sation between friends, no other serious allegation is made against accused No. 1 to 3. Considering the age of accused No. 1 to 3 and the fact that they are pursuing their studies, I feel that in the interest of the future of the accused No. 1 to 3, they deserve to be enlarged on bail with stringent conditions as they hail from Jammu and Kashmir," the additional district and sessions court said.

Haris Manzoor (20), Gowhar Mushtaq (21), both students of the Spurthy College of Nursing, and Zaqir Maqbool (23), a student of the Chinai College of Nursing, were arrested on February 16 on the basis of a complaint filed by the Spurthy Nursing College principal, Babu Dharmarajan, who said they had posted an anti-Army message on social media, which led to a brawl in the hostel.

The Survanagar Police in Anekal taluk of Bangalore Rural district registered a case under Section 13 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (supporting an unlawful activity), and under Indian Penal Code Sections 124 A (sedition), 153 A

Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath in Lucknow Wednesday. Adityanath interacted with women who faced divorce through the now illegal practice of instant triple talaq and

announced an annual assistance of Rs 6,000 to the victims till their rehabilitation. Vishal Srivastav

SC: Right of minority institutions

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only for the purpose of determin-

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to a restriction, or impose any fet-

ters in the matter of an individ-

tistical data had been placed be-

fore before Andhra Pradesh High

Court that baptism certificates

were being obtained by students

from other communities to ob-

tain admission under the man-

agement quota. The state's affi-

davit before the High Court said

"a large number of admissions

were made on the basis of con-

version certificates" and that "in

most of these cases, the candi-

dates declared themselves to be

The judgment noted that sta-

ual's choice of religion".

The apex court, however, said

not absolute, amenable to rules

Constitution.

(promoting enmity between groups), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 504 (provoking breach of peace).

On March 19, a principal sessions court had dismissed their bail pleas on the ground that their comments could "damage" the "integrity" of India. "Taking into consideration the highly dangerous nature of the content uploaded on their Facebook wall, grave nature of the offences alleged and also on account of the fact that such activities are calculated to cause damage to the integrity of India and create disaffection against India in the minds of people, I am of the view that the petitioners are not entitled to be granted bail," Principal Sessions Judge P Krishna Bhat had said.

The students' advocates approached the additional district and sessions court with a fresh bail plea after the police filed a chargesheet in the case under IPC Sections 124 (A) (sedition), 153 (B) (prejudicial to national integration) and Section 13 of UAPA (unlawful activity).

"After the chargesheet was filed, we withdrew petitions we

date of submitting their applica-

tions for the Entrance Test". It

was to check this misuse that the

rule was framed, the state said.

Court said "it safeguards the in-

terest of genuine minority stud-

ents, so that their seats are not

taken away by those who resort

to false conversions overnight...".

quiring minority institutions to

allot unfilled seats to non-mi-

norities was brought following

"statistical data which showed

that the number of colleges, and

the seats available for minorities,

were highly disproportionate,

and far in excess of the popula-

in any manner, interfere with the

right of a Minority Educational

Institution to manage its affairs

for the benefit of the Minority

The court said this "does not.

tion as per the 2001 Census."

The court said the rule re-

Upholding this, the Supreme

had filed in the high court and obtained bail in the sessions court. The students have been released." Melanie Sebastian, an advocate for the students, said. The lawvers argued that the final year nursing students would miss their final exams if they re-

mained in prison. The students were released on execution of personal bonds for Rs 1 lakh each, a local surety, and a cash surety of Rs 25,000 each. They have been told to report to the local police and not leave the region during trial of the case.

case, the three students, while responding to a Facebook post by another student, Koushik Debnath, on February 15, a day after the Pulwama attack, called the Indian Army "dogs, soldiers running here and there for money". In his complaint, the principal said: "For sending messages abusing our Indian Army and disrupting national integration, I request you to take appropriate legal action".

The students were also accused of attacking Debnath in the hostel on February 15.

Adityanath to discuss Art 370 move with Valley students

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 25

UTTAR PRADESH Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath is scheduled to hold a discussion on several issues, including Article 370, with Kashmiri students studying in institutions in Aligarh, Gautam Budh Nagar and Ghaziabad districts in Lucknow on Saturday.

Mrityunjay Kumar, the CM's media advisor, said most of the students will be from Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), while some will come from other institutes in the three districts. "Most of the students will be coming from AMU," Kumar said. "It will be an exchange of ideas between the students from Kashmir on a range of topics, including Article 370, the current situation in the Valley, and about the move to scrap special status under Article 370. The CM will take suggestions about the situation in Kashmir," Kumar said.

AMU Registrar Abdul Hamid said an invite has been sent to students from Kashmir in the university. "We had informed the students about the invite on Tuesday evening. We had asked students from Kashmir to volunteer... Till Wednesday evening, no student has volunteered to attend the event," Hamid said.

AMU public relations officer (PRO) Omar Peerzada said, "We are waiting for their reply regarding the invitation. We have...informed them that all logistic arrangements will be made by the university."

Sajad Subhan Rather, former AMUSU vice-president, who is from Baramullah, said, "We are holding talks among ourselves (Kashmiri students) about the invite. We will soon take a final call..."

court to quash the detention or-According to the FIR in the der on grounds of "inordinate and unexplained delay". According to the petitioner, the order passed by the district magistrate was not executed. In rejecting the plea, the High Court observed that "judicial review" of detention order "before it is actually executed" is to be done "sparingly".

The order is likely to have a bearing in similar cases if challenged before the High Court cases in which PSA were slapped but those people were not detained.

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 25

IN WHAT is the first court order

related to habeas corpus peti-

tions challenging detentions un-

der the stringent Public Safety

Act (PSA) after special status to

J&K was scrapped on August 5,

the Jammu and Kashmir High

Court has dismissed the plea of

a person who had urged the

J&K HC junks

plea to scrap PSA

detention order at

The order by the single bench of Justice Sanjeev Kumar came on September 18, nearly a month after the detention order was passed against the petitioner by the Srinagar district magistrate on August 16.

Justice Kumar noted in his order, "...no case is made out for indulgence in the impugned order of detention, that too in exercise of judicial review, much less interference at pre-executing stage...writ petition dismissed."

The petitioner had stated in his plea before HC that although the detention order was passed on August 16, "no immediate effort was made by the respondent (District Magistrate) to execute" it. "The inordinate and unexplained delay in execution is said

pre-execution stage to have rendered the detention order purposeless and, therefore, detention of the petitioner would be unjustified and unconstitutional," the petitioner

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Given this delay, "it is a fit case where this court could exercise its powers and stay detention of the petitioner", it stated.

submitted.

In his order rejecting the plea Justice Kumar said four parameters have to be followed in judicial review at pre-execution stage: "(in cases) that the order is not passed under the Act under which it is purported to have been passed; that it is sought to

be executed against a wrong person; passed for a wrong purpose; passed on vague, extraneous and irrelevant grounds..or that the authority which passed it had no authority to do so." But in the present case, the court said, none of these contingencies exist. "It is not the case of

petitioner that order has not been passed J&K Public Safety Act, nor that it is being executed against a wrong person. There is nothing on record to show that detention order has been passed for a wrong purpose," the court observed. Justice Kumar said it has

been "clearly shown" in the detention order that it is "necessary to prevent the petitioner from indulging in activities prejudicial to maintenance of public order". The court said it is "also not

in dispute that District Magistrate, Srinagar, is a competent authority to pass order of detention under provisions of J&K Public Safety Act".

"...this court does not find any glaring irregularity on the face o record which would impel exercise of judicial review against detention at pre-execution stage, the court said.

Two lawyers held under PSA, J&K admin cites drastic ideology, Bar misuse

ADIL AKHZER SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 25

"Being A lawyer by profession,

you have drastic ideology as you were looking after criminal cases which were sub-judice before var ious courts against separatists." ■ "The subject...has been misus-

ing platform of Bar Association which is regarded with esteem as per the status given to it in the Constitutional system."

THESE ARE among the many charges cited to book the Valley's two top lawyers, including president of Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association in Srinagar Miyan Abdul Qayoom, under the Public Safety Act (PSA). Their families have filed habeas corpus petitions which are now being heard by Jammu and Kashmir High Court.

According to the High Court Bar Association, four advocates have been arrested under PSA. Nazir Ahmad Ronga is in Central Jail Muradabad and Miyan farmers and small traders to the Qayoom was sent to Central Jail Agra. Fayaz Ahmad Sodagar. Anantnag bar president and Abdul Salam Rather, Baramulla bar president, have also been arrested under PSA.

The order for detention of the two lawvers signed by District Magistrate, Srinagar, followed dossiers prepared by J&K Police.

Nazir Ahmad Ronga (55)

The order says Ronga "is affiliated with APHC (M) group, a secessionist organisation". "Since you were inclined towards separatists' ideology and readily accepted offer and joined Hurriyat (M). Being a lawyer by profession, you have drastic ideology as you were looking after criminal cases which were subjudice before various courts against separatists," the

370 and 35 A of Constitution of India and also against bifurcation of erstwhile J&K state", it added "You have led many protests marches in this behalf and created problems in public order within District Srinagar... Your capacity can be gauged from this fact that you were able to convince your electorate to come out and vote in huge numbers during poll boycotts."

vocal against abolishing of Article

The order said that "it appears that under a well-knit conspiracy. you and your other associates are intentionally resorting to such activities which disturb the public peace...in order to stop you from indulging in above activities, your detention under the provision of J&K Public Safety Act at this stage has become imperative."

Miyan Abdul Qayoom (75) As per the document,

Qayoom "has adverse record in view of his active involvement in various cases registered against subject in District Srinagar under various laws". "Miyan Abdul Qayoom over

a period of time has emerged as one of the most staunch advocates of secessionist ideology. His belief that Jammu and Kashmir is disputed territory and it has to be seceded from Union of India and to annex with Pakistan has been repeatedly ar ticulated in public...through his speeches, appeals and active participating in such activities, the document read.

It added that for achieving this objective, Qayoom "has been misusing platform of Bar Association..." "...all other options of pre-

venting him from indulging in such activities stand exhausted as well as no other legal remedy or option is available at this stage to contain his activities strongly prejudicial to maintenance of public order," said the document.

Christians subsequent to the minority educational institu-Community". Chautala promises 33% tickets to women



EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE SUPREME Court on Wednes-

day ruled that "the right of minor-

ity institutions is not absolute, and

nority educational institutions to

admit students of their choice is

subject to reasonable restrictions,"

said a bench of Justices Indu

Malhotra and Sanjiv Khanna, up-

holding rules framed by the

Andhra Pradesh government

making SSC/Transfer Certificate

the basis for a candidate's claim of

minority status for admission to

BEd courses and requiring minor-

ity institutions to allot vacant seats

under management quota to non-

rules were violative of rights of

The petitioners claimed the

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is amenable to regulation".

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 25

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 25

THE INDIAN National Lok Dal (INLD) Wednesday announced that it will give 33 per cent tickets to women candidates in the Haryana Assembly polls scheduled for October 21.

The announcement was made by former Chief Minister and INLD supremo Om Prakash Chautala while addressing the 'Samman Diwas Rally' to commemorate the birth anniversary of former Deputy Prime Minister Devi Lal at Kaithal. Chautala also said the party will release its list of candidates on Gandhi Jayanti.



OP Chautala at the INLD rally at Kaithal

Extolling the contribution of Devi Lal in pioneering farmerfriendly policies, Chautala said that while other parties have only paid lip service to farmers, the INLD has never failed to deliver on its promises. He promised that if INLD is voted back to power, it will ensure that recommendations of Swaminathan Commission are implemented so that farmers get

fair and remunerative prices for their produce. At present, he said, farmers are perennially in debt with no hope of relief. He assured that with the implementation of the commission's recommendations, farmers will no longer be dependent on loans.

INLD leader Abhay Singh Chautala said that if voted to power, INLD will waive loans of

tune of Rs 10 lakh. Also, electricity bill for agricultural consumption will be waived and electricity bill for domestic consumption of farmers will be halved, he said. He also promised a grant of Rs 5 lakh for women at the time of marriage. The party also promised

free higher education for girls. Other promises made by Abhay Singh included a job to at least one member of a family and an unemployment allowance of

Rs 15,000 to the youth. Criticising the incumbent government's policy on tractors, he reminded the people that Devi Lal had recognised tractor as integral to farmers' needs and exempted it from taxes. He promised that if the INLD comes to power, the government will bear all expenses for the registration of the tractors.

The party promised a tworoom house on a 200 m plot to de-

fence personnel from the state.

document said. Stating that Ronga was "very

tions at Porbandar and Rajkot.

SPLIT IN GRAND ALLIANCE?

In Bihar bypolls, HAM(S), VIP to contest RJD on one seat each

SANTOSH SINGH PATNA, SEPTEMBER 25

THE RID-LED Grand Alliance seems to be on the verge of a split as the Jitan Ram Manjhi-led Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular) and the Mukesh Sahniled Vikasshil Insaan Party have decided to field candidates opposite RJD nominees on one Assembly seat in the upcoming bypolls. The RJD has made it clear that it would not withdraw its candidates and it was up to its allies to decide if it wants to remain in the Grand Alliance or walk out.

The bypolls to the Samastipur Lok Sabha seat and the five Assembly segments Kishangani, Daraunda, Simri Bakhtiyarpur, Belhar and Nathnagar are due next month. While the RJD has decided to field candidates on four seats, the Congress will field candidates on the Kishangani Assembly seat and the Samastipur Lok Sabha seat. The Samastipur parliamentary seat fell vacant after the death of

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मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 1,770/- (कर सहित)

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127/2019-20: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, हापुड के अन्तर्गत

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खुलने की दिनांक 22.10.2019। 3. निविदा संख्या टी-

128/2019-20: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, बुलन्दशहर के

अन्तर्गत विभिन्न लाइनों के वार्षिक अनुरक्षण का कार्य।

धरोहर राशि रु. 14,700/- (रु. चौदह हजार सात सौ

मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 1,770/- (कर सहित)

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129/2019-20: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, खुर्जा के अन्तर्गत

220 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, खुर्जा पर अनुरक्षण सम्बन्धित कार्य

धरोहर राशि रु. 34,800/- (रु. चौंतिस हजार आठ सौ

मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 3,540/- (कर सहित)

खुलने की दिनांक 22.10.2019। 5. निविदा संख्या टी-

130/2019-20: विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र खण्ड, ग्रेटर

नोएडा के अन्तर्गत विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, ग्रेटर

नोएडा पर अनुरक्षण सम्बन्धित कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु.

2,000/- (रु. दो हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु.

590/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 22.10.2019

6. निविदा संख्या टी-131/2019-20: विद्युत 400 के.वी

उपकेन्द्र खण्ड, ग्रेटर नोएडा के अन्तर्गत विद्युत 400 के.वी.

उपकेन्द्र, ग्रेटर नोएडा पर अनुरक्षण सम्बन्धित कार्य

धरोहर राशि रु. 1,600/- (रु. एक हजार छः सौ मात्र)

निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 590/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की

दिनांक 22.10.2019। 7. निविदा संख्या टी-132/2019-

20: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, खुर्जा के अन्तर्गत 220 के.वी.

उपकेन्द्र, डिबाई पर अनुरक्षण सम्बन्धित कार्य। धरोहर

राशि रु. २,०००/- (रु. दो हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र

शुल्क रु. 590/- (कर सिहत)। खुलने की दिनांक

24.10.2019। 8. निविदा संख्या टी-133/2019-20:

विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, हापुड के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न उपकेन्द्रों

पर अनुरक्षण सम्बन्धित कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 1,000/-

(रु. एक हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 295/

(कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 24.10.2019। 9. निविदा

सिंख्या टी-134/2019-20: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, खुर्जा के

अन्तर्गत 132 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, खुर्जा-द्वितीय (पालरा) पर

स्थापित ऐयर कंडिशनर की मरम्मत का कार्य। धरोहर राशि

रु. 2,000/- (रु. दो हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु

590/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 24.10.2019

10. निविदा संख्या टी-135/2019-20: विद्यत पारेषण

खण्ड, हापड के अन्तर्गत 220 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, सिम्भावली

एवं 132 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, हापुड पर अनुरक्षण सम्बन्धित

कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2,000/- (रु. दो हजार मात्र)

निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 590/- (कर सिहत)। खुलने की

दिनांक 24.10.2019। 11. निविदा संख्या टी-136/2019-

20: विद्यत 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र खण्ड, ग्रेटर नोएडा के

अन्तर्गत विद्यत 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, ग्रेटर नोएडा पर

अनुरक्षण सम्बन्धित कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 1,800/- (रु.

एक हजार आठ सौ मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 590/-

(कर सिहत)। खुलने की दिनांक 24.10.2019। 12.

निविदा संख्या टी-136/2019-20: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड,

खुर्जा के अन्तर्गत 220 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, डिबाई हेतु सामग्री

की आपूर्ति। धरोहर राशि रु. 1,980/- (रु. एक हजार नौ

सौ अस्सी मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 590/- (कर

सहित)। खलने की दिनांक 24.10.2019। ई-निविदा के

प्रथम भाग उसी दिन निर्धारित समय पर सार्वजनिक रूप से

खोला जायेगा एवं भाग द्वितीय (प्राइजबिड) खुलने की

तिथि तदोनुसार बेवसाइट पर सूचित की जायेगी। निविदा

भाग प्रथम में सम्बंधित प्रपत्रों का अपलोड ना किये

जाने की स्थिति में निविदा का भाग द्वितीय (प्रार्डस

बिड) नहीं खोला जायेगा। ई-निविदाओं को बिना कोई

कारण बताये अस्वीकार/ विभाजित करने का अधिकार

अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के पास सरक्षित रहेगा। कृपया विस्तृत

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Assembly segments fell vacant after its representatives were elected MPs in the Lok Sabha polls. HAM (S) spokesperson

Danish Rizwan told The Indian Express, "We have given an ultimatum to RJD to withdraw its candidate Rabiya Khatoon from Nathnagar within two days. We have already chosen Ajay Rai as our candidate." Asked if HAM(S) may walk out of the Grand Alliance, Rizwan that they had started working on "forging an alliance with VIP and Congress.' VIP chief Mukesh Sahni said

Ramchandra Paswan and the five

his party would field a candidate from Simri Bakhtiyarpur. "It was RID which had come to us for an alliance. We should be given due respect and share in the alliance..."

RJD spokesperson Mrityunjay Tewari said HAM (S) and VIP should know their limitations. "Election is about winnability. We cannot waste tickets by letting HAM (S) and VIP contest two seats. It is entirely up to them to remain in Grand Alliance or walk out of it," said Tewari.

KRISHN KAUSHIK HISAR, SEPTEMBER 25

CHIEF OF South Western Command of the Army, Lieutenant General Alok Singh Kler, on Wednesday said that India does not need to be "very worried" about Pakistan using drones to push arms across the border, as drones being used at present have limited capability, and Indian forces are adept at tackling them.

"I assure you that any military drone that is sent this side will be shot down using the capability of our Army and Air Force," he said.

Speaking at a seminar on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Army, Lt Gen Kler also emphasised that the Army will soon start inducting AI, especially in mechanised warfare. He said their use will first be constructive, but the disruptive use of the technology will also be included within two to three years.

On reports that Pakistan sent

some guns across the border through drones. Lt Gen Kler said the capability for carriage is "very little" in drones being used at present. "The news that we have heard recently about drones being used from across the border, their capability is very small at the moment," he said.

That is why, he added, "we do not need to be very worried". He assured that India's radars, "our capability to identify them", are working. On artificial intelligence, Lt

Gen Kler said AI is "very, very

necessary" —- from "informa-

tion to decision-making to direct destruction of military capability, artificial intelligence will be used in everything.' He said, "It will be constructive in the starting...helping the commander take decisions, making sure that information is con-

He also said that the forces will soon also have to take into account the "disruptive use" of

verted into intelligence; that will

be among the first uses of AI for

Army in a constructive manner."

AI. "We are looking from ground to space to water to air —-Artificial Intelligence will assist every surface," he said. "For AI and military usage,

No need to worry on Pak use of drones

to push arms, says top Army officer

which is mechanised warfare, we will have to be network-centric," Lt Gen Kler said, adding that he is "very certain" that "very soon, within the next two-three vears, we will induct some constructive and destructive" AI into Indian Army.

He said the development would be "slow but sure", and that the Army will cover "the entire span of its requirements —from constructive, predictive to disruptive use" of AI. Use of AI in military has been

under the Defence Ministry's radar, too. It set up a multi-stakeholder task force in February 2018 for Strategic Implementation of Artificial Intelligence and Defence, which submitted its report in June.

Based on its recommendations the Defence Ministry had issues guidelines for capacity building.

Drones made sorties, dropped arms, say police; BSF yet to confirm

KAMALDEEP SINGH BRAR AMRITSAR, SEPTEMBER 25

WHILE PUNJAB Police's probe has reportedly found that GPSfitted drones, with capacity to lift up to 10 kg, carried out seven or eight sorties from Pakistan to drop AK-47 rifles, hand grenades and other arms and ammunition seized in Punjab's Tarn Taran district, the BSF, which mans the international border, is yet to confirm the police's claims.

Police sources said eight drones were used in this operations, which lasted around 20 days from August 23.

ABSF spokesperson said, "I can neither confirm nor deny it. The NIA is investigating (the case). We are also investigating internally."

According to police sources,

the four arrested received drones with weapon consignment near the border village of Rajoke in Tarn Taran between August 23 and September 12. These drones, sources said, flew over the border and flew back after dropping consignments at Rajoke.

For nearly 20 days, the four re-

portedly moved in the district with around 80 kg weapons —these include five AK-47 rifles (with 16 magazines and 472 rounds of ammunition), four Chinese-made .30-bore pistols (with eight magazines and 72 rounds of ammunition), nine hand grenades, five Thuraya satellite phones, two mobile phones and wireless sets each, and fake currency with the face value of Rs 10 lakh, according to the police.

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AMIL BHATNAGAR NOIDA, SEPTEMBER 25

IN A first, the Uttar Pradesh

Police is conducting "communal

vulnerability mapping" to keep

a check on inter-faith incidents

during festivals, and this has

helped to bring down the num-

ber of communal incidents in

In 2014, there were 69 com-

munal incidents during

Muharram – when processions

are carried out by the Muslim

community. This Muharram,

13,261 processions were carried

out, but the number of commu-

nal incidents came down to six,

largely due to the communal

vulnerability mapping and its

implementation, police said.

the state.

Vulnerability mapping

helps UP Police check

inter-faith incidents

New NLSIU vice-chancellor takes charge

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 25

SUDHIR KRISHNAWAMY took over as the vice-chancellor of the National Law School of India University (NLSIU) after his appointment was confirmed by the Chancellor of the varsity, Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi.

The nearly 50-day delay in the appointment of a new vicechancellor at NLSIU — despite a panel of experts shortlisting three candidates and a sub-committee of the NLSIU executive council picking Krishnaswamy to be the V-C in July — had resulted in students protests at NLSIU.

The matter was resolved ear lier this week after an alumnus of the university met the CJI and the acting chancellor of NLSIU, senior judge Justice Sharad Bobde, on behalf of the students and briefed them about the ongoing protests.

The CJI and Justice Bobde sent a message to the students to call off their protests as the process of selection of a new V-C was complete and that the decision of a sub-committee of the NLSIU executive council to pick Krishna swamy as the new VC was final.

UNNAO RAPE CASE

SC gives CBI 2 more weeks to complete probe into accident

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 25

THE SUPREME Court on Wednesday gave the CBI two more weeks to complete the investigation into the accident case involving the Unnao rape victim after the agency said the lawyer is still unconscious and his statement has not been recorded yet.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the CBI, told a bench of Justices Deepak Gupta and Aniruddha Bose that the advocate who was injured in the mishap and is at AIIMS, had still not regained consciousness.

Expressing strong displeasure over the handling of the Unnao rape case and the road accident case, the apex court had on August 1 transferred all related cases from Uttar Pradesh to Delhi. It had also ordered interim compensation of Rs 25 lakh for the victim and CRPF security for her, her family and their lawyer.

Bangarmau MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar, who has now been expelled by the BIP, is the accused in the rape case and he has been booked for murder in the accident case. Transferring the cases, the apex court had asked the

Delhi court that was allocated the cases to conduct dayto-day hearing and complete the trial in 45 days. It had also asked the CBI to complete the probe into the accident case "preferably" within seven days and not later than 14 days.

However, following a request from the CBI, the court later modified the order and kept shifting of the accident case in abeyance till the probe was completed.

The agency had said that due to shifting of the case, the local court was facing hurdles in passing remand orders for the accused. The court had also given the CBI liberty to seek extension if it became unavoidable.



MIG-21 TRAINER JET CRASHES

Policemen and local residents at the site where a MiG-21 trainer jet crashed in Madhya Pradesh's Bhind district after taking off from the Gwalior airbase Wednesday. Both pilots ejected safely and were later rescued and admitted to hospital, officials said. PTI

TRUMP: MODI FATHER OF INDIA

If someone is not proud of this, maybe he doesn't consider himself Indian: MoS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 25

UNION MINISTER Jitendra Singh on Wednesday said those who do not feel proud of US President Donald Trump's comment that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the father of India, do not consider themselves Indians.

"People who live abroad are proud today of being Indian. This

ality and personal outreach of Prime Minister Modi," said the Minister of State for Prime Minister's Office.

is happening due to the person-

When asked to comment on US President Trump's statement that may be Prime Minister Modi is the father of India, Singh said that he has never heard anything like this from any American president for an Indian prime minister.

"If an impartial and bold

and its President, then I feel every Indian should feel proud regardless of his political affiliations... If someone is not proud of this, then maybe he does not consider himself Indian." Singh

statement comes from America

When asked that some Congress leaders have asserted that there could be only one father of the nation, Singh said for this, the Congress will have to argue with Trump.

According to the UP Police, data collated through feedback from thousands of stakeholders, including policemen, digital volunteers and citizens across the state serve as a reference point for identifying spots of possible communal incidents.

"For the last three months, we have been taking several steps in order to keep a check on communal incidents that take place during this (Muharram) period. We conducted a threetier analysis of the (communal) incidents in the last six years in order to identify their pattern and locations. We carried out communal vulnerability mapping to develop a deployment plan. The use of social media monitoring in this process has been unprecedented," said Director General Police (Uttar

Pradesh) O P Singh. In the run-up to Muharram this year, UP Police analysed the incidents of communal violence that took place in the same period in the past across the 75 districts of the state. Details of the incidents and FIRs were studied, followed by the present status of those cases and the possibility of the repeat of a similar incident. Backed with the information, an intra-police network was developed.

As part of communal vulnerability mapping, the police tar-

geted regions prone to communal incidents and 10 people from each village were identified to carry out peace talks in an event of any communal tension. Once the police would receive information of any such incident, the group of people — identified as Sambhrant 10 — would be contacted through an app and asked to initiate peace talks with the

help of local police, the DGP said. According to the police, most of the "mapping" was done by the DGP Control Room that was integrated recently after the headquarters of Uttar Pradesh Police was shifted to the new Signature Building in Lucknow.

In the DGP office, a 24x7 UP-100 terminal was set up where real-time data of Dial-100 calls were being fed. Inside the control room, a team of six persons continuously monitored seven large TV screens with a different news channel running on each one of them. In a separate room, a head constable was deputed to monitor two computer screens with real-time Dial-100 data and

information, said police. As Ganesh Chaturthi and Muharram coincided this year police developed and devised routes so that the two processions didn't cross paths. "In the beginning, we faced some problems. In several cases, the police station in-charge, who was newly posted, had no idea about the past incidents. In that case, the 'festival register' of the police station came in handy. In that register, the station in-charge writes about every incident that took place in their area and how it was resolved. The next in-charge can get all the information from the register," Additional SP, Law & Order,

Chiranjeev Sinha, said. A similar roadmap is being drawn for the upcoming Dussehra festival, police said. In 2017, 12 people were injured and several vehicles were burnt during clashes at three places on a single day with the coinciding of Muharram and Dussehra that year.

- WITH INPUTS FROM **AVANEESH MISHRA, LUCKNOW**

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Mumbai's iconic restaurateur dies at 97

PARTH KHATAU

MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 25

MUMBAI'S POPULAR restaurateur, Boman Kohinoor, the co-owner of Iranian-Parsi cafe Britannia & Co at Ballard Pier, died Wednesday at the city's Parsee General Hospital. He was 97.

The iconic eatery was set up in 1923 by Rashid Kohinoor, whose family fled from Iran to avoid religious persecution and settled in Mumbai the year Boman Kohinoor was born. Boman took charge of the restaurant at a young age after his father died in an accident. For decades, Boman was the genial face of the restaurant — often seen chatting with visitors, recommending what should they order, sharing anecdotes and cracking jokes.

What Azra Goriawalla, 75, owner of Goriawalla Homemade Cakes, found re-



Kohinoor, the co-owner of Iranian-Parsi cafe Britannia & Co

Boman

markable was that Boman would be present at the restaurant everyday, even after he turned 90.

"Britannia is a place my family and I have visited many times over the years. The experience was always special because of its owner, Boman Kohinoor. I remember him being quite stern in his early years. He had mellowed down of late. However, he was extremely sharp for his age," Goriawalla said.

Vispi Balaporia, president of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai, said that

Boman's death was a great loss to everyone who has been part of the restaurant's journey. "Britannia is a oneof-its-kind place in Mumbai... This place has a unique vibe and that was his (Boman's) contribution. He took great pride in what he had established...." she said.

> The restaurant which initially served continental food had introduced Parsi cuisine later. Today, the cafe is known for dishes such as chicken berry pulay, mutton dhansak, mutton sali boti and caramel custard. Berry pulay, its signature dish, was introduced by Boman's late wife, Bachan.

> In April 2016, Boman had met the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge Prince William and Kate Middleton out-ofschedule at the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel after a video of his expressing his love for the British royal family went viral.

THIS COULD RESULT IN MORE INTENSE WET OR DRY PERIODS IN INDIA

More extreme El Nino, La Nina events likely: IPCC report

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PUNE. SEPTEMBER 25

THE FREQUENCIES of extreme El Nino and La Nina events are the Pacific Ocean is likely to increase in the coming years that could possibly result in more intense wet or dry periods in India, a new report by Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) said on Wednesday.

'The Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate' is the last in a series of three reports on specific themes that IPCC has published in the last one year. In October last year, it published a report on the feasibility of restricting global rise in temperatures to within 1.5 degree Celsius from pre-industrial times. It was followed by a report on land and climate change last month. The report released Wednesday

takes a look at the impact of climate change on oceans and snow-covered land areas. The report says global mean sea-level had increased by 16 cm between 1902 and 2015, and that the rate of increase had doubled of late. Between 2006 and 2015, global mean sea level recorded an average rise of 3.6 mm per year, which was more than double of 1.4 mm per year recorded in the first 90year-period of the 20th century. The melting of glaciers had con-

tributed significantly to the rise in sea-levels, the report says. Between 2006 and 2015, the Greenland ice sheet lost ice-mass at an average rate of 278 billion tonnes every year, which was enough to result in a global sea-level rise of 0.8 mm per year. During the same period, the Antarctic ice sheet lost a mass of 155 billion tonnes on an average every

EXPLAINED

Info global, not region specific

LIKE THE other reports of IPCC, this report only gives global information and no region-specific impacts. IPCC also prepares the more comprehensive state of the climate reports, which are simply called Assessment Reports. Five of these have so far been published. The fourth one, which came out in 2007, won it the Nobel Peace Prize. The sixth Assessment Report is due to be published in 2022. That is also supposed to contain region-wise impacts of climate change.

vear. Snow over outside of these two regions, like the glaciers in the Himalayas, together lost an average of 220 billion tonnes of ice every year.

of sea-level rise, exceeding the effect of thermal expansion of ocean water (due to rising tempera-"The sum of ice sheet and glatures)... Sea-level rise is not globcier contributions over the year ally uniform and varies regionally.

2006-2015 is the dominant source

Regional differences, within 30 per cent of global mean sea-level rise, result from land ice loss and variations in ocean warming and circulation," the report says.

"Since the mid-20th century, the shrinking cryosphere in the Arctic and high-mountain areas has led to predominantly negative impacts on food security, water resources, water quality, livelihoods, health and well-being, infrastructure, transportation, tourism and recreation, as well as culture of human societies, particularly for Indigenous peoples," it says. El Nino refers to an abnormal

sea-surface warming in certain areas of equatorial Pacific Ocean, off the western coast of South America. La Nina is the opposite phenomenon, an abnormal cooling of seasurface. Together these events influence weather events worldwide.

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INX Media case: Chidambaram says never met Indrani

PRITAM PAL SINGH

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 25

FORMER FINANCE minister P Chidambaram on Wednesday denied before the Delhi High Court that he met Indrani Mukerjea in connection with granting the Foreign Investment Promotion Board approval to INX Media.

"Blanket, full in totality, I deny that I ever met her (Indrani) at any place," senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhyi, appearing for Chidambaram told Justice Suresh Kumar Kait.

The submission of the 74year-old Congress leader and Rajya Sabha MP's counsel came after the judge asked during a hearing of his bail plea if "Indrani ever met P Chidambaram?".

The query was put to Singhvi in connection with Indrani, former director of INX Media, and her husband Peter Mukerjea's statement that when they met Chidambaram in his North Block office in 2006, he had asked them to meet his son and suggested that they help him in his business.

Karti, who was present in the courtroom, too said, "I deny 100 per cent. He (Chidambaram) never met her. I (Karti) have never met anyone connected directly or indirectly to this entity called INX."

She had recorded in her statement on February 17, 2018, now part of court documents, that Karti had asked them (Mukerjeas) for a bribe when of the CBI.



P Chidambaram

they met at a hotel in Delhi.

In July, the Delhi special court had allowed Indrani's application to turn approver in an alleged corruption case against her company. She is currently in Mumbai's Byculla jail in connection with the murder case of her daughter Sheena Bora.

Probing charges of corruption in the INX Media case, the CBI had arrested Chidambaram on August 21. The next day, he was remanded in CBI custody for 15 days and is now in judicial custody in Tihar jail till October 3. Karti is out on bail in the matter.

During the arguments, Singhvi also apprised the court that the charges of cheating and criminal conspiracy against Chidambaram are not grave in nature and he should be released on bail.

Iustice Kait concluded hearing the submissions by Chidambaram's advocates on his bail petition and fixed the matter for Friday when Solicitor General Tushar Mehta will commence his arguments on behalf

Delhi court dismisses Shivakumar's bail plea

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 25

A DELHI court Wednesday dismissed the bail application of Karnataka Congress leader DK Shivakumar in a money laundering case registered by the Enforcement Directorate, saying his release may hamper the probe which is at a crucial stage. The ED arrested Shivakumar

on September 3 in connection with a money laundering case filed last year following an investigation by the Income Tax Department in 2017, when unaccounted cash to the tune of more than Rs 8 crore was found in New Delhi in locations allegedly linked to the Congress leader.

Special Judge Ajay Kumar Kuhar refused to grant any relief to Shivakumar, currently lodged in Tihar jail, while noting that he is an influential person and may influence the witnesses or tamper with documents.

"The investigation in the present case is still at the initial stage. In the course of arguments, the ED



has shown certain documents like the list of 317 bank accounts and other documents of properties, etc which show that investigation is still at the crucial stage of examining the documents and their nexus with the assets of the applicant/accused," the judge said.

The court said the court has to be conscious of an individual's liberty while considering bail application, but it cannot ignore the interest of society as such.

"Medical ground by itself considering the nature of the offence and the stage of investigation is not considered a justified ground for bail. The bail application is dismissed," the court said.

HC stays Azam's arrest in 27 land-grab cases

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 25

IN A relief to Samajwadi Party MP Azam Khan, the Allahabad High Court on Wednesday ordered a stay on his arrest in 27 criminal cases of alleged grabbing of land in Rampur, subject to his cooperation in the police investigation. The 27 FIRs were lodged be-

tween July 13 and July 20 this year by Rampur administration over alleged land grab for expansion of Mohammad Ali Jauhar University — Azam Khan is the chancellor of the private university run by a trust.

Farmers in the area have alleged that Azam Khan and for-

LALMANI VERMA

DEHRADUN, SEPTEMBER 25

THE UTTARAKHAND High Court

on Wednesday ordered that it is

illegal for advocates to resort to

strikes or boycott of the courts,

and disciplinary action can be

taken by the State Bar Council

and its disciplinary committee

for such misconduct. The court

also said that a litigant, who suf-

fers entirely on account of his ad-

vocate's non-appearance in

court, can sue the lawyer for

damages.

mer deputy superintendent of police Aaley Hasan — who is now retired and currently working as the chief security officer of the university — forcibly took away their land between 2004 and 2005 and made it a part of the university campus, which is spread in an area of over 300 acres.

cases, including the 27 lodged against him include theft, criminal intimidation, cheating, criminal trespass and hate speech, among others.

Chauhan has fixed October 24 as

'DISCIPLINARY ACTION CAN BE TAKEN OVER SUCH MISCONDUCT'

Justice Ramesh Ranganathan

and Justice Alok Kumar Verma

ruled that no court is obliged to

adjourn a case because of a strike

call as it is its solemn duty to pro-

ceed with judicial business dur-

by one Ishwar Shandilya in 2016.

The petitioner's counsel,

Kartikey Hari Gupta, said the

hearing of Shandilya's case in

Dehradun district court was get-

ting repeatedly deferred due to

District Bar Association of

Gupta said that lawyers of

strikes called by lawyers.

The order came on a PIL filed

ing court hours.

In total, Khan is facing 86 since April this year. Other than land grab charge, allegations

The Bench of Justice Manoj Misra and Justice Manju Rani the next date of hearing.



DK Shivakumar

No Hindu will be left out in Bengal NRC: Vijayvargiya

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

A DAY after the Enforcement

Directorate (ED) registered a case

of alleged money laundering

against him, NCP chief Sharad

Pawar on Wednesday said that

he would voluntarily visit the ED

office in Mumbai on Friday de-

spite not receiving any sum-

mons from the agency. Pawar

claimed that he was volunteer-

ing to meet the ED, as he did not

want the agency to believe that

he had vanished or was avoiding

Narendra Modi government at

the Centre, the 79-year-old told

mediapersons in Mumbai:

"Maharashtra is a state that fol-

lows the ethos of Chattrapati

Shivaji. We have a history where

we have never bowed down be-

the investigating agency. I also

"I will cooperate fully with

fore the throne of Delhi."

In a veiled reference to the

an inquiry.

MUMBAI. SEPTEMBER 25

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 25

BIP GENERAL secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya on Wednesday asserted said that the NRC, which has created panic among people, will be "100 per cent" implemented in West Bengal, but Hindus should not fear as not a single Hindu will be forced to leave the country.

Speaking at a party event, Vijayvargiya said, "Be 100 per cent sure about NRC in West Bengal. But Hindus have nothing to fear as we are soon bringing the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill in Parliament... As the national general secretary of BJP, I want to assure all of you that NRC will be implemented but not a single Hindu will have to leave the country. Each and every Hindu will be given citizenship."

"India is not a charity house that those who are the majority community in Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Pakistan (Muslims) can infiltrate, spread terror and take away the livelihood of our citizens... Hindus in those countries are minorities and are coming to India to protect their lives," the BJP leader

Udham Singh Nagar have been

boycotting work on all working

Saturdays for the last more than

most important part of the order

is that every and any kind of

strike by lawyers has been de-

of Dehradun, Haridwar and

Udham Singh Nagar shall, forth-

with, withdraw their call for a

strike, and start attending Courts

on all working Saturdays. All the

District Bar Associations in the

State shall forthwith refrain from

abstaining from Courts because

"The District Bar Associations

clared illegal," Gupta said.

"For a common man, the

35 years.



NO REVENGE POLITICS: FADNAVIS

revengeful approach," the chief minister told reporters. Narendra Vaskar

Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray and Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis

at an event to mark the 86th birth anniversary of Mathadi leader Annasaheb Patil, at APMC

the ED case against NCP president Sharad Pawar. "The state government doesn't harbour any

Maharashtra never bowed down

before Delhi throne, says Pawar

'Will visit ED office, it shouldn't think I am untraceable'

market, Navi Mumbai. Fadnavis clarified that the BJP-led state government had no role in

NCP chief Sharad Pawar addresses the media in **Mumbai.** Prashant Nadkar

want to understand what the exact crime is."

"For the next one month, I will be campaigning across the state. I will be spending a lot of time outside Mumbai. In such a situation, if the ED decides to send me some sort of love message and in case I am not in Mumbai, they should not think that I have become invisible or am not traceable," he added.

"For this reason, I will person-

others. NRC won't happen in Bengal: Mamata

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 25

AMID GROWING panic in West Bengal over the implementation of NRC, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday asked administrative officials to help people who have been thronging government offices for obtaining proof of residence or rectification of voter identity cards.

Urging people not to panic, the Chief Minister reiterated that the NRC will not be implemented in West Bengal. "NRC will not happen in Bengal... It is shocking that 11 people have committed suicide fearing that NRC will be implemented in the state," Mamata said while addressing an administrative meeting at Debra in West Midnapore district.

West Bengal Police on Tuesday had said that at least eight persons have died or committed suicide in the state over alleged fear over the implementation of NRC following the exclusion of 19 lakh people from the citizenship register in neighbouring Assam.

"When a person comes to you for his voter card or other documents, please do not drive him or her out. Some people may not have the proper documents... Some may have lost their papers,

of condolence references for

family members of Advocates, or

for other reasons. In case they do

not start attending Courts, as di-

rected, the District Judges con-

cerned shall submit their respec-

tive reports to the High Court for

it to consider whether action

should be initiated against the

errant advocates under the

Contempt of Courts Act," the or-

that the Uttarakhand State Bar

Council shall within a period of

four weeks initiate disciplinary

action against the office-bearers

of the district bar associations for

The court order also stated

der stated.



ally go to the ED office at 2 pm on

Friday and share all the informa-

tion that the ED officials need from

me. I am also ready to accept any

other hospitality that they want

Union minister said in an oblique

reference to the manner in which

former home minister P

Chidambaram was arrested re-

Pawar claimed that the peo-

ple of Maharashtra were wise

enough to understand why he

was being targeted. "Elections

are just around the corner, nominations are to be filed soon. This

issue has been raised at this

juncture. People are wise

enough to understand what it

were detained as party workers

staged a protest outside the ED's

office in Mumbai on Wednesday

to condemn the registration of a

money laundering case against party chief Sharad Pawar and 70

Meanwhile, five NCP activists

means," he said.

cently in the INX Media case.

Mamata Banerjee listens to people's grievances in Debra, **West Midnapore.** Express

some papers may have been damaged during the floods. Please do not drive them away. Ask them to lodge a police complaint and do the needful according to law," the CM told the BDOs and other officials at the meeting.

On the ongoing census and ration-digitising process, the CM asked the BDOs, MLAs and elected representatives of local bodies to go door-to-door for the survey. "Why are you not conducting a door-to-door survey. BDOs should undertake the surveys. MLAs, panchayat samiti members and zilla parishad members should go for the surveys. Genuine names should be included in the voters' list," she said. She also warned officials of touts and middlemen who are trying to exploit people in the name of offering documents.

Illegal for advocates to boycott court: Uttarakhand HC calling illegal strikes or boycott of courts on Saturdays in Dehradun, Haridwar and Udham Singh Nagar. "The District Judges of these districts shall ensure that courts function on Saturdays, and sufficient cases are listed and are disposed of by the courts, under the judgeship, on all working Saturdays,"

> the order stated. "The High Court today also said that the Bar Council of India shall take action against striking bar associations in Uttarakhand and shall not permit them to go on strike any further," Gupta

Wakf lawyer: Didn't accept that Chabutra was Ram's birthplace

ANANTHAKRISHNANG

NEW DELHI. SEPTEMBER 25

A DAY after conceding that the Ram Chabutra located on outer vard of the disputed site in Ayodhya was the birthplace of Ram, the Sunni Central Wakf Board on Wednesday told the Supreme Court that it had not made any such acceptance, but merely said it had not questioned a Faizabad court's 1886 finding that Hindus worshipped the Chabutra under the belief that it was Ram's birthplace.

"What I said was not our acceptance.... Since the Faizabad judge said so, we have not taken any steps for eviction," senior advocate Zafaryab Jilani, appearing for the Sunni Board, told a fivejudge Constitution bench headed by CJI Ranjan Gogoi hearing the Ayodhya dispute case.

The bench also comprises Iustices S A Bobde, D Y Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan, and S Abdul Nazeer.

Arguing the case for the mosque side later, senior advocate Meenakshi Arora also said, "Mr Jilani said something accidentally (on Tuesday) and it got registered everywhere." On Wednesday, Arora tried to

to dole out to me," the former question contents of the Archeological Survey of India's (ASI) report — the ASI had excavated the disputed site on

POWER, WATER TO BE CUT



Allahabad High Court's orders.

The bench said the mosque side should have questioned this during the trial, and not now during appeal. Referring to relevant provi-

sions in Civil Procedure Code, which says any party to a suit may urge the trial court to summon the commissioner (author of the report) and examine them, Justice Chandrachud asked why this was not done.

"You should have sorted this out in trial court. You should have called for the witness.... This is not the place for it," Justice Bobde said.

Arora replied that objections were filed before the HC, which was hearing the Ayodhya case trial at the time, and the court had said it will consider them at a later stage but did not do so.

"You had to do it in the process known to law," Justice Nazeer pointed out.

CJI Gogoi asked, "Why should we hear you?.... None of your objections, however strong, can be

entertained by us when you have not raised these objections in trial."

Justice Bobbe added, "The reason we say so is because the expert may have had an answer."

The bench asked Arora to consider this aspect and reply when she resumes her arguments on Thursday.

Arora said chapter 10 of the report — the "Summary" — was not attributed to any archeologist even as the other nine chapters were. So, she submitted, it could not have been accepted as evidence.

To this, the bench said the report was submitted as a whole by archeologists Hari Manjhi and BR Hari. Later, after inquiries, the CJI said it was submitted along with a miscellaneous application, requesting the court to take it on record and the HC had passed an order in it.

Arora also disputed the ASI findings on pillar bases and other evidence recovered after digging the site, which the court again said should have been put to the experts during trial.

The senior counsel said archeology is a social science, and not a natural science, and the ASI report does not provide any verifiable conclusion. It is thus only an opinion of the archeologists, and being an opinion is very weak evidence, she submitted.

Kerala govt moves in to demolish flats near Kochi

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM. SEPTEMBER 25

WITH THE Supreme Court set to take up on Friday the case of action taken to demolish four apartment complexes constructed in violation of Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) norms in Maradu municipality, in Ernakulam district, the Kerala government has initiated steps to vacate the flats.

Following a direction from the state government, the municipality has directed the State Electricity Board, Kerala Water Authority and public sector gas agencies to cut supply to these complexes within three days.

Residents of 343 units in these residential complexes are, meanwhile, gearing up to resist moves to evict them — they say they have been staying in these flats for several years, and they should not be punished for a fault on part of the authorities.

registered cases against builders under IPC Sections 406 (criminal breach of trust) and 420. Fort Kochi Sub-Collector

The police on Wednesday

Snehil Kumar Singh, who has additional charge of Maradu municipality, said notices have been issued to the electricity board and water authority to disconnect supplies to all flats and dismantle their infrastructure before the demolition process begins. Notices were served to the occupants, with September 27 as deadline, he added.

But the flat occupants put up a brave face and said they had obtained power, water and gas connection after submitting valid documents.

Ravi Jacob, president of Kochi chapter of the Confederation of Real Estate Developers Association of India, called for a judicial probe into the issue to fix accountability. **FULL REPORT ON**

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Mid-Day's Shailesh Gupta is new INS chief

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 25

SHAILESH GUPTA of Mid-Day has been elected president of The Indian Newspaper Society for 2019-20 at its 80th annual general meeting held here



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Gupta

Antiseptic) is the deputy president, D D Purkayastha (Ananda Bazar Patrika) the vice

Dated: 25.09.2019

president and Naresh Mohan (Sunday Statesman) the honorary treasurer of the Society for 2019-20. Mary Paul is the secretary

general of the Society.

Key accused in Bulandshahr riots case granted bail

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NOIDA, SEPTEMBER 25

YOGESH RAI, main accused in the Bulandshahr riots case, was granted bail by the Allahabad High Court on Wednesday.

"An official copy by the Allahabad High Court will be sent for verification. The process can take up to three-four days after which the jail authorities will release him. We had been pleading his innocence since the beginning, and we respect the decision of the honourable court," said Yogesh Raj's lawyer Bruno Bhushan.

Yogesh Raj was granted bail in the sedition case on Wednesday and had earlier been given bail in the rioting and conspiracy case.

On December 3, a riot broke out in Bulandshahr's Siyana area following a protest over alleged cow slaughter at a farm. In the melee, Siyana in-charge inspector Subodh Kumar Singh was shot dead allegedly by one of the protesters using his service revolver. Another accused, Sumit, who was part of the mob, was killed as the policeman fired at him in self-defence.

A special investigation team had filed a chargesheet against 38 accused in connection with the violence. Thirty-three of them, including Yogesh Raj, were charged with rioting and violence, and the rest with the mur-

GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH (INVITATION TO PRIVATE INVESTORS FOR

DEPARTMENT OF NES No.Himurja/SHP/Advt/2019-20

EXPLOITING SMALL HYDRO POTENTIAL IN THE STATE) Himachal Pradesh Government invites proposals from Private investors for setting up small Hydro Electric Projects upto 5.00 MW

capacity for 11 identified Project sites. The proposals are also invited for self identified Projects upto 5.00 MW capacity. The Private Investors will have to execute the project from beginning till commissioning including preparation of feasibility report, survey & investigation and preparation of DPR. Details of the 11 Identified Small Hydro Electric Projects, application

format and guidelines can be obtained from the office of the Director

Himurja, SDA Complex, Kasumpati Shimla-9, from 26.09.2019 to 25.11.2019 against payment of application fee of Rs. 10,000/- only (Rs. Ten Thousand) (non refundable) to be paid in the shape of Demand Draft in favour of "Director Himurja" payable at Shimla. The guidelines and application format can also be obtained from Himurja website: www.himurja.hp.gov.in. In such case the application fee of Rs. 10.000/- only is to be deposited with the application in the shape of Demand Draft payable at Shimla. The applications should be submitted on or before 25.11.2019 upto 5.00 PM.

The applicants have also to furnish Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) @ Rs. 50,000/- per MW (Refundable in case of unsuccessful applicants and to be adjusted against security deposit in case of successful applicant) with the application in shape of Demand Draft in favour of Director Himurja payable at Shimla. The applications shall be submitted in sealed cover duly superscribed "APPLICATION FOR ALLOT-MENT OF IDENTIFIED/SELF IDENTIFIED SMALL HYDRO ELEC-TRIC PROJECT." Applications not submitted on the prescribed format or not accompanied with application fee and EMD shall not be accept ed and shall be rejected outrightly.

IMPORTANT: Small Hydro Electric Projects upto 2.00 MW capacity are exclu-

sively reserved for Himachalis. 2. If the IPP is interested to apply for more than one project, sepa-

rate application along with requisite application fee & EMD is to be submitted.

The Government of Himachal Pradesh reserves the right to reject any or all the applications without assigning any reasons. The IPPs are advised to visit the sits before putting in application(s) for identified as well as self identified projects to ensure that the site does not clash with already allotted/identified

or under investigation schemes of Himurja/Directorate of Energy/HPSEB Ltd./by any other Government Agency, It will be the responsibility of the applicant to check with the record of concerned agency before putting in an application. In case of subse quent discovery of any overlap or duplication, the application will be rejected and application fee will not be refunded.

5. No applications/proposals will be entertained on Tirthan River & its tributaries in Kullu district and on major rivers: Ravi, Satluj Yammuna, Chanderbhaga & Beas.

Chief Executive Officer. Principal Secretary (NES) to the Himurja, 8-A, SDA Complex **Government of Himachal Pradesh** Kasumpti-Shimla-171009 Shimla-171002 Tel:0177-2620365/2621783

A bench comprising Chief

Dehradun, Haridwar and



NORTHERN RAILWAY AMENDMENT

In reference to the Notice No. 43-Med/LP/AdM./2019, published or 19.09.2019 in various newspapers regarding invitation of applications for Panel of Retail Shops/Authorized Stockiest for supply of Medicines. In this Notice within 5 of NRCH may be read as within 5 KM of NRCH.

Other terms & conditions will remain same.

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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY INDORE Khandwa Road, Simrol, Indore- 453 552 NOTICE INVITING TENDER

SI.		Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs.)
1	HTI/ES/PR/SG/ MOW/ 2019-20/46	Construction of Approach Road and external Development of guest house at IIT Indore	1,98,00,000

For complete details including last date for submission of fenders, please visit https://www.tenderwizard.com/IITI

Project In-Charge

NORTHERN RAILWAY **TENDER NOTICE**

Sr. Divisional Signal and Telecom engineer/Co. Monadabact for and on behalf of Presiden of India imites Open tenders through E-Tendering system for the following works:-

Tender No. & 208(RT-3)/-Ste/S&T/OM/COT/18-19 Description | "interlocking of Manned L.C. gates having TVU > 50000 and < 100000 in D Spt. & E-mute over MB Division (LC-21, 77, 36

Approx. cost Rs. 6115612.28 Earnest Money Rs. 122300/-5000.00 Cost of Tender form Rs.

18.10 2019 at 15.00 hrs. of tender and opening of tender. Note: Complete details of tender can be seen at www.lreps.gov.in Tender Notice No. 208(RT-3)/-Sig/S&T/GM/OOT/18-19 Dated ; 24.09.2019 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Last date and time for submission | 18.10 2019 up to 14.00 hrs. and



UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LTD. Corporate Identity No.: UA48109UP200136C825867/2358 Victoria Cross Vijeta Gabor Singh Bria Bhawan, Kanwoli Road, Debradar 246001

Corporate (Contract & Procurement-II)

Tel. No.: 0135-2703672-75, Fan No.-0135-2708289 Mebsite : vern uistenders por in CORRIGENDUM TO E-TENDER NOTICE

This office e-tender specification no. CCP-II/2/2019-2020 invited previously for supply of 11KV Tri-vector meters are hereby extended due to unavoidable reasons. The e-tender can be purchased and submitted upto 17:00 firs of 04:10:2019. Part-I of the e-lender shall be opened on 05.10.2019 at 16.30 hrs. Other terms and conditions will remain same as per original tender notice.

For further details, please visit our website www.uktenders.gov.in Superintending Engineer

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(For information on Electricity theft, informer may report to Toll free No. 1800 100 4105)

GOVERNMENT COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, KEONJHAR

(A Constituent College of BPUT, Rourkela) At : Jamunalia, P.O. : Old Town, Dist : Keonjhar, Pin : 758002(Odisha) Tel.: 96766-213180 (O), Website : www.gcekjr.ac.in, Mail ld : principal@gcekjr.ac.in.

IFB No.GCE/TEQIP-III/2019/364 Date: 25.09.2019

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR GOODS

Sealed Bids are invited from the Interested Firms/Authorised Dealers/OEMs for procurement of Equipment Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) in the Institute through National Competitive Bidding under TEQIP-III Project as per the guidelines of World Bank. For more details and the updated information please visit our college official website http://www.gcekjr.ac.in/tenders/. The detailed invitation for Bid (IFB) Document has been uploaded in college website. Last date of submission of bid for procurement of SEM is 26.10.2019. Principal



GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING **ENGINEER, JEYPORE (R&B) CIRCLE, JEYPORE**

e-Procurement Notice

Bid Identification No. S.E.J.C (R&B)-02/2019-20 Date. 25.09.2019 No.2269

1. Name of the work : Building Work : 01 (One) No 2. Total No. Works

. Estimated cost : Rs.182.48 Lakhs

. Period of completion : 07 (Seven) Months : from 10.00 hours of 01.10.2019 . Date & time of availability of bid

document in the portal 17.00 hours of 17.10.2019 Last date/Time for receipt of bids in the Portal: 17.00 hours of 17.10.2019

Opening date of Bid ; 11.00 hours of 16.10.2019 . Name and address of the Officer Invition : Superintending Engineer Jeypore (R&B) Circle, Jeypore

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal

https://tenderodisha.gov.in

Superintending Engineer

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Jeypore (R&B) Circle, Jeypore

BIHAR SCHOOL EXAMINATION BOARD

NOTICE INVITING 6-TENDER

Through e-procurement mode only over https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.inj Tender Notice No.- PR 411/2019

Bihar School Examination Board, Patna invites e-tenders under two bid systems from the reguled Agency/ Sound Firms/Companies for the "Procurement and installation of cloud infrastructure for hosting Online Facilitation System for Students and various services of Bihar School Examination Board"...

hosting Online Facilitation System for Students and various services of Bihar School Examination Board

Cest of Tender document (In Rupees)	Tender processing Fee (Non Refundable) (inclusive of GST @18.00%) to be paid through e-payment mode (i.e. NEFT/RTGS/ Credit Card/Debit card) (in Rupees)	Money (in Rupees)
2000.00 (Two Thousand Rupees only)		2,00,000 (Two Lakhs Rupees only)

	Rupees only)	Rupees only)
Tender Sch	edule/ Programme	A District
Date and Time for Activity	Date/Time: D	Juration
Online Sale/Download date of Tender documents	From 26.09.2019 17.10.2019 (11:00 H (https://www.eprod	rs.)
Pre-Bid meeting	30.09,2019 at 12:15 (Bihar School Exa Sinha Library Road	mination Board,
Last Date/Time for submission/ uploading of offeriBid	17.10.2019 up to 13 (https://www.eproc	
Submission of form fee & EMD in Hard copy/Original	17.10.2019 up to 13 (Bihar School Exa Sinha Library Road	mination Board,
Date & Time for opening of Technical Bid	17.10.2019 at 15:00 Hrs. (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.i (Bihar School Examination B Sinha Library Road, Patna-800	
Financial Bid Opening	Date to be announce	d later

Date and Time by competent authority. Detailed descriptions of the items and instructions for submitting your offer can be downtoaded from e-tender website. https://www.eproc.blhar.gov.in.

 For support related to e-tendering process, Bidders may contact at Procurement HELP DESK First Floor, W22, Bank of India Building. Road No-25, Sri Krishna Nagar, Patna-800001, Ph. No: 0612-2523006 Mob- 7542028164" or may visit the link "Vendor Info" at https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in.

 Corrigendum / Addendum, if any, will be published on e-Procurement Portal Bihar https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in itself.

◆ Contact Details: Sh. Jai Kishore Singh, Nodal officer

reasons. Secretary EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-OPEN TENDER No. W55/cleaning/06H5/BJU Date: 23.09.19 For and on behalf of the India invited e-open tender (E-Tender Notice no -CW-Sorpur-30-2019) from experienced contractor for the work gives below :-

 Name of the work with its location : On. Board Housekeeping Services (OBHS) at coaching depot BJU, 2. Approx. Cost of the work: ₹ 3,95,46,783,14 (₹ Three crore linety five takti forty six thousand seven hundred eighty three rupees fourteen paisa. only) 3. Earnest Money to be deposited: £3.47,700:00 (Three Laidyloty seven thousand: seven hundred only). 4. Date & Time for submission of tender and opening of tender : Tender submission date 1.10.2019 upto 15:00 Hrs, Opening date 21.10.2019 after 15.00 Hrs. 5. Website particulars, notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the lender form can be purchased etc. : Website: www.ireps.gov.in.

Rallway administration reserves the right to ostponed / modify or to cancel the tender enytime without assigning any reasons.

PR/1274/SEE/Elect/T/19-20/32

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER. **DELHI WATER SUPPLY MAINTENANCE** UNIT, U.P. JAL NIGAM, R-1, RAJ NAGAR **NEAR HINT CHOURANA, GAZIABAD** (U.P.) PIN 201002

Online percentage rate short term e-tender for "Protection of Aqueduct at Hindon under 270 cusec for Delhi Water Supply Maintenance Scheme" is hereby invited in single bid system on behalf of M.D., U.P. Jai Nigam from the contractors registered with U.P. Jal Nigam in Class- 'B" (Civil Works) and having requisite work experience and financial capability. Tender document shall be available at eprocurement website http://etender.up.nic.lin latest by 26.09.2019. Interested contractors may view & download tender document and upload their bids, duly filled, online latest by 04.10.2019 up to 01:30 P.M. Technical & Financial Evaluation cum financial Bid of E-tender shall be opened on 04.10.2019 at 03:00 P.M.

NEAR HINT CHOURAHA, GAZIABAD (U.P.) PIN 201002

Letter No.: 1085/Nivida/68 Date.: 24.09.2019

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE

Online percentage rate short term e-tender for *Internal Surface Repair between Manhole no 27 & 31 under 200 cusec Delhi Water Supply Maintenance Scheme and cleaning of syphon under 270 cusec Delhi water supply maintenance scheme" is hereby invited in single bid system on behalf of M.D., U.P. Jal Nigam from the contractors registered with U.P. Jal Nigam in Class- "B" (Civil Works) and having requisite work experience and financial capability. Tender document shall be available at eprocurement website http:// etender.up.nlc.in latest by 26.09.2019. Interested contractors may view & download tender document and upload their bids, duly filled, online latest by 03.10.2019 up to 01:30 P.M. Technical & Financial Evaluation cum financial Bid of E-lender shall be opened on 03.10.2019 at 03:30 P.M.

ANALYSI THE
DELHI URBAN SHELTER
IMPROVEMENT BOARD
GOVT OF NCT OF DELH
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE
ENGINEER, C-7 RANA PRATAF
BAGH, DELHI-110007
NOTICE INVITING
ETENDED

E-TENDER

P. Bagh Delhi-110007 invites on behalf of Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board, percentage rate bid (On Line) on two bid system for the following work.

NAME OF WORK: Improvement of SC/ST Basties. SUB HEAD Providing & laying RMC Pavement at internal Lanes of Block-C at Sangam Park AC-18 Model Towr (PID NO-10410)

Esstt. Cost :- Rs. 56,17,853.00 Earnest Money - Rs.1,12,400.00 Tender Cost Rs. 1,000.00 Period of completion: 180 Days

|NIT No: 63/EEC-7/DUSIB/2019-20| Name of work: MLA LAD Fund. Subhead: Providing and laying CC pavement and improvement of drainage system of different location at approach road/ Link Road around Block A and C 12 Gaz plot Lal Bagh. Azadpur, AC-18. (PID No.12089). Esstt. Cost :- Rs. 50,11,023.00 Earnest Money - Rs.1,00,250.00 Tender Cost Rs. 1,000.00 Period of completion : 180 Days

NIT No: 64/EEC-7/DUSIB/2019-20 Name of Work: Construction of Community Hall/BVK Sub Head Up-gradation including AR and MO, relaying of sewer line, replacing damage kota stone outside the building, providing fastener in the stone wall cladding and other repair etc. at Community Hall Sangam Park AC-18 (PID NO-11750).

Esstt. Cost :- Rs. 43,54,070.00 Earnest Money - Rs.87,100.00 Tender Cost Rs. 500.00 Period of completion : 210 Days Last Time & Date of Submission of

Bid 04.10.2019 upto 15:00 Hours Date of Opening Technical Bid 04.10.2019 after 15:30 Hours The bid forms and other details can

http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in/ All the corrigendum (if required) wil be uploaded on portal and will not be published in News Paper.

> (RAJINER BANSAL) **Executive Engineer/C-7 DUSIB** DIP/Shabdarth/0729/19-20

DELHI URBAN SHELTER IMPROVEMENT BOARD GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE

ENGINEER, C-12 RANA PRATAP BAGH,

DELHI-110007 NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Executive Engineer, C-12, DUSIB R.P. Bagh, Delhi- 110007 invites or behalf of Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board, percentage rate bid (On Line) on two bid system for the following work.

NIT No.: 09/EEC-12/DUSIB/2019-20 Name of Work: GIA to DUSIB for existing infrastructure.

Sub-Head : Construction boundary wall at SRS Holambi Kalan, Phase-II for land earmarked II | III | II for (1) Police Post Block A (2) Shop Plot Block A (3) ESS Block B (4 Shop Plot Block B (5) RB Block C (6) Dispensary Block C (7) JSC C Block. Esstt. Cost :- Rs. 28.37,189.00

Earnest Money- Rs. 56,750.00

Tender Cost- Rs. 500.00 Period of completion: 150 Days Last Time & Date of Submission of Bid: 07.10.2019 upto 15.00 Hours Date of Opening Technical Bid: 07.10.2019 after 15:30 Hours The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in/ All the corrigendum (if required) will be uploaded on portal and will not be

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER. DIP/Shabdarth/0731/19-20 C-12(DUSIB)

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Corrigendum-1

Tender Document of Tender No. 13/EE(CM)/DDN/2019-20 invited by Executive Engineer (C.M.), UJVN Limited Dehradun is available on Nigam's website www.ujvnt.com instead of www.uktender.gov.in Other conditions of the tender will remain unchanged.

For further details, kindly visit our websits. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website www.ujvnl.com

प्रशन रा. 556 दिनाक 24 09 2019 Executive Engineer (Civil-Maint.) 'Avoid wasteful use of Electricity

E-TENDER NOTICE

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Sr. DEE/EMU/G28 for and on behalf of President of India, Invites open e-tender under single packet system for the under noted work.

1	N.I.T. No.	RT232-EII-EMU-W	/C-08-18-19
2.	Name of the Work	underground and of of garbage from st	oor, pits & unitials, de-silting of manholes and open drains of EMU Shed & Colony, removal ned floor to dusthin and removal of cobwebs ung deaning equipment for 01 year.
3.	Tender Co	et Re. 5900.00 (brek	ne payment mode available on IREP5 website)
4.	Approximation cost	rte Rs. 5391055.10 fifty five and pais	(Rupoes fifty three lakt ninety one thousand stenonly)
5.	Earnest Money	Rs. 107800.00 (IREPS website)	online payment mode available on
6.	Completion period		12 months
7,	Validity of offer		60 days
	Date and time from tender advertised on IREPS website		23.09.2019 (12:11 Hrs.)
9	Date and t	me from tender	07 10 2019 to 21 10 2019 (15 00 Hes.)

Date & Time of tender Opening (Immediately when tender submission ends) (ARUN KUMAR) Note: 1. All participant Tenderer/Tenderers will submit their requisite document stong with their tender offer. "No post tender correspondence for submission of

Tender closing Date & Time 21.10.2019 (15.00 Hrs.)

additional document shall be entertained after opening of the Technical & Commercial offer. Even sub-moto post tender letters of the tenders shall be treated is null & void". Note: 2. Duplicate documents should not be enclosed/uploaded Tender Notice is available on website of www.ireps.gov.in RT232-EH-EMU-WC-09-18-19 Date: 24.09.2019 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

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submission start and end

TENDER NOTICE (through e-tendering) App. Cost Earnest Money Tender Tonder inviting Name of work with its location of the work Document to be deposited Officer Address Fee (In Rs. (im Phy.) Signating work in connection with Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom Fa. Engineer'll, Northern Railwso. sectional signal maintanance contract 91,49,357,27/-5,900% 1,83,000,00/ 2nd Floor, Annex-1, DRM in section of ADSTE/FDB of Doini office, New Detts-110065;

Date & Time for Closed of tender: Tender upleaded date & sine 16.10.2019 up to 15.00 hrs. Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc. ; See the N.Ry, website www.ireps.gov.in & Notice board at SST branch 3rd Floor, DRM office, State entry road, New Delhi-110055. Tender No. 558-Sig/10/M/Tender/1300

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MORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, ALLAHABAD No: AGRA/ELE/OP/TENDER/2018/05/R2

E-TENDER NOTICE Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer (TRD). North Central Railway, Agra, for and on behalf of the President of

India, invites the following E-Tender on prescribed form The details of the tenders are as under: Approximate Cost of Tender Name of work Tender No. Cost (in Rs.) Money (in Rs.) Document (in Rs.) Loading unloading and transportation of Loco Pilot's and AGRA/ELE/ Asatt. Loco Pilot's line boxes from OP/TENDER/ 19,63,460.25 39,300.00 2,240.00 box room to train & train to box room 2018/05/R2

Station & Mathhura Jn. Station" Completion Period (in Days):- 225 Days, Date of opening of tender:- 14 10,2019, Note:- 1, The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders will be available on website www.ireps.gov.in.up.ti 15:00 firs, on 14:10:2019 the due date of tender opening., 2. Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate issued by CCA under IT Act-2000.; 3. Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by vendors shall be straightway ignored and shall not be considered., 4. Document being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body., 5. This tender notice have also been uploaded on www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in. 6. Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Document Cost in respect of e-Tendering shall be accepted through not banking or payment gateway only., 7. In case of any difficulty helfdestk available on the website of IREPS may be approached.

Morth central railways

www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in

railway northcentral@cphoxce Karnataka Soaps & Detergents Limited

14001:2015 Company (A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)

Sandal City: P.B. No. 5531, Bengaluru-Pune Highway, Bengaluru - 560 055. Ph: 080-23378715, 23371103 Fax: 23375102, 23370498 e-Mail: ksdl.dgmmtls@gmail.com



Tenders are invited by KS&DL in two cover system through e-Procurement Portal (Website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) with respect to supply of the following Materials/Services. Tender Name Qtv. Published Last date

No.	Number	render Name	uty.	Date	for Bid Submission
1	KSDL/2019-20/ IND3879	Procurement of 20 TR/Hr. Process Chiller	1 N o	11.09.2019	10.10.2019
2	KSDL/2019-20/ IND3880	Procurement of Servo System 320 Lubrication Oil	10 Barrel	12.09.2019	11.10.2019
3	KSDL/2019-20/ IND3883	Supply and Installation of 5000 liters storage tank of stainless steel 304 grade cylindrical type	2 Nos	25.09.2019	24.10.2019
		Supply and Installation of 10000 liters storage tank of stainless steel 304 grade cylindrical type	2 Nos		
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Please visit KS&DL website: https://www.mysoresandal.org for further details. For any queries/clarification, contact the undersigned

Sd/- Asst. Gen. Manager (Materials)

MAGH MELA 2020

Prayagraj Mela Authority Triveni Bhawan, Triveni Bandh, Daraganj, Prayagraj

+91 532 2500775 / +91 532 2504011, maghmelapmp@gmail.com Notice Inviting E-Tender-For Selection of Agencies to

provide Barricading, Empanelment of Vendors for **Procurement of Hutting Materials and Appointment of** Agency to Provide Public Address System by Prayagraj **Mela Authority** The Prayagraj Mela Authority Invites Bids for Tender No. 08/MM

2019-20 for "Selection of Agencies to Provide Barricading for Magh Mela 2020", Tender No. 09/MM 2019-20 for "Empanelment of Vendors for Procurement of Hutting Materials for Magh Mela 2020" and Tender No. 10/MM 2019-20 for "Appointment of Agency to Provide Analog Centralized and Standalone Public Address Systems for Magh Mela 2020". The Request for Proposal Documents shall be made available from the Uttar Pradesh E-Procurement website Https://etender.up.nic.in.on 26/09/2019. Interested parties may download/upload their proposal from 1700 hrs 26/09/2019 till 1200 hrs 16/10/2019 for Tender No. 08/MM 2019-20, Tender No. 09/MM 2019-20 and Tender No. 10/MM 2019-20 via Digital Signature Certificate (DSC). The bids received by interested parties shall be opened in the presence of the respective bidders at 1500 Hrs on 16/10/2019 for Tender No. 08/MM 2019-20, Tender No. 09/MM 2019-20 and Tender No. 10/MM 2019-20. Details regarding the tender shall be made available on https://etender.up.nic.in

> District Magistrate, Prayagrail /Vice Chairperson, Prayagraj Mela Authority

Office of the Executive Engineer Delhi Water Supply Maintenance Unit, Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam R-1 Raj Nagar, Near Hint Chouraha, Ghaziabad (U.P.) Pin 201002.

Short Term E-Tender Notice No. 1075/Nivida/65 Dtd. 24-09-2019

E-Tender Notice Online percentage rate short e-

tender for "Repair of Internal surface and joints between Manhole No. 35 to 37 200 cused for Delhi Water Supply Maintenance Scheme " is hereby invited in single bid system on behalf of M.D. U.P. Jal Nigam from the contractors registered with U.P. Jal Nigam in Class 'B' (Civil Works) and having requisite work experience and financial capability. Tender document shall be available at e-procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in latest by 26-09-2019, Interested contractors may view & download tender document lander and upload their bids, duly filled, online latest by 03-10-2019 up to 01.30 P.M. Technical & Financial Evaluation cum financial Bid of Etender shall be opened on 03-10-2019 at 03:30 P.M.

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS The Executive Engineer, Civi Division No. XI, I&FC Department Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Sector-15

Rohini, New Delhi-110085 invites on behalf of the President of India online Percentage Rate tender from approved and eligible contractor registered with Irrigation & Flood Control Department for the

> forms and other details can be obtained from the website https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in: 1. NIT No: EE/CD-XI/NIT-11/2019-20/2nd Call Name of work: Restoration and

following works and the Tender

widening of existing road on the left bank of Supplementary Drain between RD 28080m to RD 34500m **Estimated Cost :** Rs. 4,50,56,006/ Earnest Money: Rs. 9,01,120/-

Period of completion: 6 Months,

Last date & time of submission of

tender: upto 03:00 p.m. or

30.09.2019. (Tender I.D.- 2019_IFC_180429_1)

Executive Engineer Civil Divn.-XI, (I&FC) Govt. of Delh DIP/Shabdarth/0717/19-20

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER.

DELHI WATER SUPPLY MAINTENANCE

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2019, dated: 23/09/2019

The undersigned invites E-Tenders

(IREPS) for the following works up to the dates & time shown against each: SI.No.: 1 Tender No.: GNT/M/11. AMOC/2019 Description of the work: Annual Maintenance and Operations contract of Bio-Tollets at Coaching Deput, Guntur for a period of Two Years (730 days). Value of the Work (₹): 87,56,780/- EMD (₹)

1.75,1004 Cost of Tender Form (C):

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and time of opening of e-tender:

21/10/2019 at 15:30 hrs Period of

Contract: 2 years. Last date for online submission of E-Bids in 21/10/2019 upto 15:00 hrs. For detailed information logon to website www.ireps.gov.in. Any further Communication/

Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Guntur For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents,

Please visit website at

https://www.ireps.gov.in.or

www.scr.indianrallways.gov.in.

through E-portal www.ireps.gov.in.

UNIT, U.P. JAL NIGAM, R-1, RAJ NAGAR NEAR HINT CHOURAHA, GAZIABAD (U.P.) PIN 201002 Letter No.: 1085/NIVIda/69 Date.: 24.09.2019 SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE Online percentage rate short

term e-tender for "Repair of water gates and appurtenant work under 270 cusec and 200 cused Delhi Water Supply Maintenance Scheme located at Muradnagar Campus" is hereby invited in single bid system on Tender: 21/10/2019 at 15:00 hrs Date behalf of M.D., U.P. Jal Nigam from the contractors registered with U.P. Jal Nigam in Class- "C" (Civil Works) and having requisite work experience and inancial capability. Tender document shall be available at eprocurement website http:// etender.up.nic.in latest by Configendum shall only intimated 27.09.2019. Interested contractors may view & download tender document and upload their bids, duly filled. online latest by 04,10,2019 up to

01:30 P.M. Technical & Financial

Evaluation cum financial Bid of

E-tender shall be opened on

04.10.2019 at 03:30 P.M.

Owerrapati Shivaji Maheraj



संचालक

Mumbai International Airport Ltd. Mumbal International Airport Limited (MIAL) is inviting parties to

participate in the competitive bidding process for various nonaeronautical concessions at CSMIA. Parties are requested to visit the website: csia.in → Businesses → Business Opportunities -> Commercial Opportunities for downloading form of Application for purchase of Request for

Proposal document(s). ast date and time for submission of Application is IST 5.00 pm on September 30, 2019.



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Date: 25.09.2019

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टी.टी. नगर स्टेडियम, भोपाल (म.प्र.) - 462003 ई-निविदा सूचना (तृतीय)

संवालनात्तव क्षेत्र और युवा कल्याल, मध्यप्रदेश, द्वारा **अंतर्राष्ट्रीय तैराकी फेडरेशन** (FINA) एवं तैराकी फेडरेशन ऑफ इंडिया (SEI) हारा अनुमोदित "तैराकी **खेल उपकरण/सामग्री कय हेतु''** निर्माता अथवा उनके अधिकृति प्रतिनिधि जिसे की समान कार्य का अनुधव हो, से ई-निविदा आमेत्रित की जाती है। निविदा प्रथम व निविद्य की विस्तृत अर्ते www.mptenders.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है। ई-निविदा प्रकाशन उपरांत निविदा में कोई संशोधन व परिवर्तन किया जाता है तो

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वह मात्र उपरोक्त उल्लेखित ई-टेण्डर पोर्टल वर ही उपलब्ध सोगा ।

Government of India
Department of Atomic Energy
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre Technical Services Division North Site, Trombay, Mumbai-85

Notice Inviting e-Tenders The Chief Engineer, Technical Services Division, Bhabha Atomic

Research Centre, North Site, BARC, Trombay, Mumbai - 400 085, on behalf of the President of India invites online item rate tenders on two bid system for following work :-NIT No. BARC/TSD/58/2019-20, Name of work – Maintenance, Oil filtration & allied works on Transformers at BARC, Trombay,

Mumbai 400 085. ; **Estimated cost** - ₹1,40,00,000/-; **Earnest Money**

₹2,80,000/- ; Period of completion – 24 months; Last date and

time of submission of bid - 06.11.2019 (23:59 Hrs.). The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the Website www.tenderwizard.com/DAE or www.barc.gov.in

Changes if any, in the above scheduled date etc. will be notified only on the website www.tenderwizard.com/DAE

Contact for assistance / clarifications 24x7 @ 9969395522 Shri Rudresh, e-mail: rudresh.tenderwizard@gmail.com

Chief Engineer गरवदक्षिणी 📑 🖹 🖁 С І С С

SOUTH CENTRAL ZONE CULTURAL CENTRE, NAGPUR Ministry of Culture, Government of India 56/1, Civil Lines, Opposite MLA Hostel, Nagpur 440001

दक्षिण मध्य क्षेत्र सांस्कृतिक केन्द्र, नागपूर

SCZCC/ADMN/TEN/654/2019 Date: 25/09/2019 SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE

The Ministry of Culture Govt. of India in association with South Central Zone cultural Centre, Nagpur is oragnising Rashtriya Sanskruti Mahotsav (RSM) from 14th to 21st Oct. 2019 in M.P. at Jabalpur, Rewa & Sagar. Accordingly, SCZCC, Nagpur invites bids from the eligible bidders/ Creative Directors for Ambiance, Stage Backdrop, Guard Wall etc. at Jabalpur, Sagar and Rewa.

The details of the tender is available on website www.sczcc.gov.in. The tender document can be downloaded from 26/09/2019. The last date for submission of bids is 30/09/2019 up to 12 noon. The cost of blank document is Rs.500/- to be paid by cash (Non-refundable). Enquiry 9822230810, 9834830791

Director, SCZCC, Nagpur

Scope of Work: Procurement and installation of cloud infrastructure for

+91 6299923095, E-Mail ID - eproc.bseb@gmail.com Note: - Bihar School Examination Board reserves the right to accept/ reject/reschedule any or all tenders without assigning any

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DEE/TL (ACVSEE)

Letter No.: 1084/Nivida/67 Date.: 24.09.2019 SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, DELHI WATER SUPPLY MAINTENANCE UNIT, U.P. JAL NIGAM, R-1, RAJ NAGAR,

Executive Engineer, C-7,DUSIB, R. NIT No: 62/EEC-7/DUSIB/2019-20

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EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY (

TENDER NOTICE E-TENDER NOTICE FOR OPEN TENDER OF ELECTRICAL (OP) DEPARTMENT

DRM (Electrical DP)/ECR/Dhanbad for and behalf of the President of India invites. E-Tender for the execution of following work. E-Tender No.: ELOP-OT-8-CNL-19. St. No. (1) Name of the work, location and completion of period: Outsourcing of different activities in Crew lobbies and Control at various locations for 02 years (700 days) in Dhanbad Division of East Central Railway. Work Completion Period 02 Years (730 Days) (2) Approx cost of the work : Rs. 6,83,29,495.60 (Tender Document Cost - Rs. 10.000/-(3) Earnest Money to be deposited Rs. 4,91,600/- (4) Date & Time for closing and opening of E-Tender Closing of e-Tender : On 11.10.2019 at 12.00 Hrs. Opening of e-Tender On 11,10,2019 at 15,30 Hrs. (6) Website particulars - Website : www.ireps.gov.in.

Divisional Railway Manager (Elect./OP), Dharhad PR/1272/DHN/Elect./T/19-20/36

this Tender.

Manual offers are not allowed against

PUBLICATION NOTICE BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -III.DELHI.

4TH FLOOR JEEVAN TARA BUILDING PARLIAMENT STREET NEW DELHI-11001. Notice under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act. 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993). In the matter of

OA. 685/2019/DRT-III KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LTD.

Versus

...Applicant

GANGATRANS LOGISTICS & ORS. ..Defendants

D-1 GANGA TRANS LOGISTICS 2ND 19TH FLOOR, TRANSPORT CENTER NEW SUBJI MANDI, ASADPUR, DELHI-110033. D-2 KAILASH SINGH E-1109

DELHI-110033. Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has been shown to the not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by

JAHANGIR PURI DELHI-110033.

D-3 SHASHI E-1109, JAHANGIR PURI

advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal 22.10.2019 at 10.30 A.M. Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 18TH day of

BY ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL Assistant Registrar, DRT-III, NEW DELHI.

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -III,DELHI.

4TH FLOOR JEEVAN TARA BUILDING PARLIAMENT STREET NEW DELHI-11001. Notice under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act. 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993). In the matter of

OA. 599/2019/ DRT-III KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LTD.

..Applicant **Versus** VAISHNO POWER SYSTEM AND ORS.

.....Defendants D-1 VAISHNO POWER SYSTEM

HNO. 418, NIMRI COLONY, PHASE 4 ASHOK VIHAR, NEW DELHI-110052 D-2 RAVIKUMAR VAID H NO. 418, NIMRI COLONY, PHASE 4

ASHOK VIHAR, NEW DELHI-110052. D-3 SEEMAVAID H NO. 418, NIMRI COLONY, PHASE 4, ASHOK VIHAR, NEW DELHI-110052

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PARLIAMENT STREET NEW DELHI-11001. Notice under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act. 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993). In the matter of OA. 684/2019/ DRT-III

KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LTD. ...Applicant

Versus M/S GARG TRANSPORT COMPANY AND ORS.Defendants то

COMPANY H.NO. 995, PANA MOUJAN VILLAGE BAWANA, DELHI-110039. D-2 DEEPAK AGGARWAL, S/O BAJANG LAL AGGARWAL, H.NO. 993, NARAYAN WALT GALI, PANA MOJAN BAWANA, DELHI-110039.

D-3 BAJRANG LAL AGGARWAL. S/O

D-1 M/S GARG TRANSPORT

MOOL CHAND AGGARWAL H.NO. 880, MOOJHAN PANA VILL. BAWANA, DELHI-110011. Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to

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DRT-III,NEW DELHI.

BY ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL, Assistant Registrar,

BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD (Power Wing)

Corrigendum No.-3 Notice Inviting E-Tender N.I.T No: 538/PNGS-748 Dated: 30.05.2019 Name of Office: Chief EngineerTransmission System. Planning & Design (TS) Directorate, SLDC Complex, Industrial Area Phase-I, SBMB, Chandigart-150002,

Tele Fax - 0172-2664468 Name of Work: Design, Engineering, Manufacture, Testing before Dispatch, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of Substation Automation System & other equipment like C&R Panets, VMS etc. at site in respect of 220KV Gnd Substation Hisar, Charkhi Dadri, Samaypur & Ballabhgam along with their remote operation from 400KV Grid substation, BBMB, Briegan & 86KV Grid substation, BBMB. Industrial Area Phase-I, Chandigarh on Turnises basis.

Last date and time for receipt of request for 14.10 2019 upto 17.00 Hrs. issue of tender documents Last Date & Time of submission of bids 23.18.2019 upto 11:00 Hrs. Date & Time of Opening of Bids 23.10.2019 from 15:00 Hrs. onwards For cost of specification, Earnest money Deposit and detailed NIT, please visit BBMB

website https://bbmbeproc.abeprocure.com & www.bbmb.gov.in 1106-PR-TS-5 For Your Better Tomorrow Save Energy Today

> झारखण्ड सरकार उद्योग निदेशालय NOTICE

for Cancellation of Tender With reference to Notice No. Pr215618 (Industries) dated 31-08-2019 regarding Selection

of Creative Agency/Event Manager for Design, Erection, Conceptualization of "India International Trade Fair" during 14-27 November, 2019 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, this is to inform that due to unavoidable circumstances the tender has been cancelled.

Director Industries P.R.218001 Industries(19-20):D ितसे अबतक ना समझे, वो कहानी हैं मैं, मुझे बर्बाद मत करो पानी हैं मैं।

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE (through e-tendering)

S. Name of work with its App. Cost. Tender Tender Earnest Date & Website particular 8: N. focation inviting: notice board location of the work Document money to time for where complete details of (In Rs.) officer Fee be deposite: closed (In Rs.) the tender can be seen etc. address (in Rs.) of tender See the N.Rhy wetralle. Signating work in Sr. Divisional Tender connection with www.ireps.gov.in& Signal 8 Uploaded. sectional signal Talacom. date & time. Motica board at S&T maintenance contract in 85:10.675.57. Rs. 5.9004 Rts. 16.10.2019 branch 3rd Floor, DRM Engineer/ii. section of ADSTEPS of Northern. Only 70.200.00 up to \$5:00 office. State entry road. Delty Division. Railway, 2nd Orey. New Delhi-110055 firs. Floor Annox DRM Office. New Delhi-

Tender No. 558-Sig/16/M/Tender/1305 Dated: 24.09.2019 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

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झारखण्ड शिक्षा परियोजना, पर्वी सिंहभम JHARKHAND EDUCATION PROJECT, PAST SINGHBRUM ****** fibriert veir mefftereien -

STOCKING ROAD, INFRONT OF BLOOD BANK, C.H. AREA, INSTUPUR, JAMSHEDPUR KELDDE Proper DEST. 242453, 2425537 Facility. 2224193. E-mail. Impressingurations.

Ladton Phip. Expression of Interest Reputed Registered Agencies /NGOs/Trust/ Institution etc. Who works in the field of Disabilities or dealing with Assistive technology for All type persons with disabilities (Ortho, Visual, Hearing Intellectual Disabilities, Autism, Cerebral Palsy. Multiple Disability) are hereby invited to organize medical checkups. camps assessment camp and to provide aid and appliances (Low visson device, DAISY Players, Braille Kit,

Jharkhand under SSA. Agencies who intend to participant are requested to kindly submit brief proposal with organizational details, filed of specification details, filed of specialization, experiences, not less than 5 years in the concern filed rates of equipment offers/discount and requisite information etc. latest by 20-10-2019....... National Institute like NIEPID, NISHD, ALIMCO etc. is being preferred if they intend to participate

Smart cane, TAB MR Kit for autistic children, hearing aids, ICT materials and skill training materials) to

the needful CWSN and equipment for resource room in all 11 blocks of East Singhbhum District,

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BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -III.DELHI.

4TH FLOOR JEEVAN TARA BUILDING PARLIAMENT STREET NEW DELHI-11001. Notice under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act. 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993).

OA. 600/2019/ DRT-III KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LTD.Applicant

In the matter of

Versus AMAN CHHABRA AND ORS. ..Defendants

D-1 AMAN CHHABRA 421, SANJAY ENCLAVE, LIG FLATS, SECOND LINE JEHANGIPURI, DELHI-110081

D-2 UMANG CHHABRA 170, GALL NO.17, GANDHI COLONY, MUZZAFARNAGAR CITY, NOIDA-251002 (U.P)

Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal 22.10.2019 at 10.30 A.M.

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BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL 4TH FLOOR JEEVAN TARA BUILDING

PARLIAMENT STREET NEW DELHI-11001. Notice under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act. 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993) In the matter of

OA. 604/2019/ DRT-III KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LTD.Applicant Versus POONAM KHANNAAND ORS.

D-1 POONAM KHANNA 3A-505, RANG RASYAN APARTMENT SECTOR-13, ROHINI, NEW DELHI-

D-2 GAURAV KHANNA 3A-505, RANG RASYAN APARTMENT. SECTOR-13, ROHINI, NEW DELHI-

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DRT-III,NEW DELHI.

MANAPPURAM FINANCE LTD.

GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

CIN-LESS LONG 1002FL 0008623 N/470A (eld) W036A(New), Waruppuram House, Valapat.

The pleades in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pleaded in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 16/10/2019 from 10.00 am onwards. We are auctioning gold ornaments defaulted customers who have failed to make payment of his/her loan amount despite being notified by registered letters. Unauctioned on any other days without further notice. Changes in venue or date (if any) will be displayed at auction centre and on website without any further notice. PREMINAGAR-BAREILLY, 134840700008414, 9083, 9095, 9471, 9472, 9549, 9557, 9588, 9561, 9687, 9691, 9610, 9612, 9632, 9633, STATION ROAD-BAREILLY, 133780700008939, 8974, 9354, 9437, 9534, 133780700010395, 0402, 0403, 0416, 0446, 0467, 0468, 0473, 0485, 0610, 9612, 9632, 9633, STATION ROAD-BAREILLY, 133780700008939, 8974, 9354, 943780700010395, 0402, 0403, 0416, 0446, 0467, 0468, 0473, 0485, 0610, 9612, 9632, 9633, 974, 9354, 9420, 9443, 9534, 9354

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. Gauray S/o Naresh Chand Jain R/o A-3/51-52 Sector-4, Rohini Delh-110085 changed my name to Gaurav Jain.

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, Christopher Dias S/O Watson Dias R/O-A-802, 8th-floor, Golf-Gardenia, Alpha-2, Greater-Noida, have changed my minor daughter name, from Komal Sainatha to Madeline Dias. 0040513864-5

, Chetaan Verma S/O Taruna Chauhan W/O Shri Sandeep Kumar Verma R/O House no. 499 Sec 4 Vaishali Ghaziabad UP 201010, I want to change my son name as Chaitanya Verma from Chetaan Verma for all future purposes.

0050155802-1

Singh R/o-97-A, Pocket-A-2, Mayur-Vihar, Phase-III, Delhi-110096-have changed my name to Bhagwati Devi, for all future purposes. 0040513822-7 I, Awadesh Kumar Singh S/o

I, Bhagwati W/o Shri Khajan

Ram Sakal Singh R/o D-53

Madhu Vihar, Solanki Market, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi -110059 have changed my name to Awadhesh Kumar Singh 0070675875-1 I, Arunav Gupta S/o Sh. Kedar Prasad R/o F-156, 3rd Floor,

Gali No.5, Pandav Nagar, Delhi-

91 have changed my name from Kanishka/Aniket Kumar to Arunav Gupta for all 0040513738-1 purposes. . Archana W/O Laxmi Narayan, Residing At, H. No. 586, Jatav-Mohalla, Badli, Delhi-

110042. Have Changed The Name Of My Archna Aged 40-Years And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Archana. 0040513838-3 I, Anuj poddar S/o-

Purushottam Poddar R/o-M2K Victoria-Garden, D-401, Modeltown Azadpur, Delhi-33, have changed my minor daughter's name, from Riddhima Poddar aged 15-years to Ridhima Poddar.she shall hereafter be known as Ridhima poddar. 0040513845-6

, Aniyan Kunju K.G, S/O K.K.George, R/O 60-A, G/F A2B Block Ekta Appt. Paschim Vihar, New Delhi, have changed my name to Aniyan Kunju Kizhakkecharuvil George for all future purposes. 0040513764-1

, Anita Shokeen W/o, Yashpal Solanki R/o H.No-111 Shahbad Mohammad Pur ND-61 have changed my name to Anita Solanki for all purposes.

0040513791-8

I, Faiz Mehmood Khan S/o Intekhab Mehmood R/o 60-b, First Floor, Central Road, Ghaffar Manzil, Jamia Nagar, Okhla, ND-25 have changed my name to Faiz Mehmood. 0040513791-1

. Daval Kour W/o Jagdish Singh R/o-25-C/D-1-B Janakpuri New Delhi-110058 have changed my name to Dayal Kaur for all purposes. 0040513838-9

, DHRUV S/o INDERVESH DABAS R/o 143, F.F. Sharda Niketan, Pitampura Delhi-110034 have changed my name to DHRUV DABAS.

0040513818-2

Yogita Sharma W/o Sh.Sunil Sharma R/o A-75, Block-A, Hari Nagar Clock Tower, New Delhi-110064 have changed my name to Yamini Sharma for all purposes. 0040513731-4

I certify that I, Mamta Goenka, R/o E-16/362, Sector-8, Rohini, Delhi-110085, has changed my name to Mamta Aggarwal, for all future purposes.

0040513741-1

certify that I, Vinod Kumar Goenka, R/o E-16/362, Sector-8. Rohini, Delhi-110085, has changed my name to Vinod Kumar Aggawal, for all future purposes. 0040513739-1

I, A. Mari S/o Sh.Ammavasai R/o-B-7/37-F, MayurVihar-3, Delhi-96, inform that my daughter's name is wrongly entered in the school record as A.M. Nivedha, the correct name is Nivedha. 0040513818-5

charanjeetsingh s/o daleep Singh r/o-Dadaha lalpur sitarganj udham singh nagar Uttarakhand have changed my name to Charan singh.

0040513864-11

I, Abhishek Goel S/o Naresh Goyal R/o-G-3/3, Sector-11, Rohini, Delhi-85, have changed my name to Abhishek Goyal for all purposes. 0040513737-1

Anil Kumar S/O Bachan Dass R/O-B-226, Block-B, Mohan-Garden, Uttamnagar, N.Delhi-110059., changed My Name To Anil Goyal. 0040513845-8

I, Suresh Chandra Sharma S/o PvareLal Sharma H. No. 1626. Sector - 28, Faridabad, many documents I have wrongly mentioned my name Suresh Chand Sharma but my

Haryana 121008 inform that in correct name is Suresh Chandra Sharma for all purposes. 0040513791-3

I, Shivender Rawat S/o Sh. Diwan Singh Rawat R/o 167, DDA Flat, Pocket-6/3, (Sec-1A) Nahirpur, Dwarka, New Delhi-110045, have changed my name from Shivender Singh Rawat to Shivender Rawat for all future purposes.

0040513859-1

I, hitherto known as Pintu Kumar Gupta, S/o Sh. Chotey Lal R/o-164-E, Sadbhawana-Apartment, Pokcet-4, Mayur-Vihar, Phase-I, Delhi-110091, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Prabhas Gupta, for all means and purposes. 0040513845-5

I, hitherto known as PRAMODHINI.P, D/o Shri P. Narender, employed as Private Secretary in the O/o The Comptroller and Auditor General of India, 9, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Marg, New Delhi, residing at E-205 M.S. Apartments, K.G. Marg, New Delhi-110001 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as PRAMODINI.P.

0040513755-1

I, Vijendr Kumar Jain S/o Ganpat Lal Jain.R/o-Flat.No-213, Society-flats, Raheja Atlantis, Sector-31 Gurgaon, Haryana-122001, have Changed my Name to Vijender Kumar Jain for all Pourposes

0040513740-2

I, V. Vasudevan S/o Late Shri S. Venkiteswaran R/o H.No. A-335, First Floor, Chhattarpur Enclave, Phase-2, Maidan Garhi Road, New Delhi-110074, have changed my name from V. Vasudevanto Vasudevan Venkiteswaran for all future 0040513802-1 purposes.

I, Susheela W/o Sh.Subhash Chandra Pal R/o-B-44, Second-Floor Gali No.8, Shalimar Village, Shalimar Bagh Delhi-110088.have change my name to Susheela Pal. 0040513818-8

I. Susheela W/O Krishan Kumar Yadav R/O-C-104, Gali No.13, B-Block, Badli-Extn., Delhi-42 Have Changed My Name To Sushila Yadav. 0040513822-5

I, Suresh Kumar Nagpal S/o,Banwari Lal Nagpal R/o-847, Rishi-Nagar, Rani Bagh, Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Suresh Nagpal permanently. 0040513822-2

I. Suresh Chandra, S/O Dori Lal Gupta, R/O 86A, EWS Janta Flats, Sunshine Apartment, Sector 99, Noida UP 201301, have changed my name to Suresh Chandra Gupta for all purposes 0050155804-1

I. Surender Singh, S/o-Dharampal Dahiya, R/o-RZ-C-1/11, VinodPuri, Vijay-Enclave, ND-45, have changed to my minor daughter Taniya to Taniya Singh, for all.Purposes(D.O.B.10.04.2005).

0040513838-8

I. Surender Singh, S/o Dharampal Dahiya, R/o-RZ-C-1/11, VinodPuri, Vijay-Enclave, ND-45, have changed to my minor Son Kunal to Kunal Singh, for all Purposes (D.O.B.07.09.2006). 0040513838-7

I, Surajpal Singh S/o Ghure Singh R/o Village-Sarfabad Sector-73 Noida District-Gautam Buddha Nagar have changed my name to Surajpal permanently. 0040513746-1

I, Sunita Kumari W/o Virender Kumar R/o-G-21/32, 3rd-Floor Sector-7 Rohini Delhi-110085 changed my name to Sunita Prajapati. 0040513818-4

I, Suchit Arora S/O Shri.Pritam Singh R/O-3194, Gali.no-232, Chander-Nagar, TriNagar, Delhi-110035, have changed my name, from Suchit to Suchit Arora. 0040513864-4

I, SubhashishNag S/o Chitta

Ranjan Nag R/o-C-2 Sec-53 Noida, UP, Declare that the name of mine has been wrongly-mentioned as Subhasish Nag in my Passport No.H8111823 my correct name is Subhashish Nag.

0040513864-1

I, Subhash Chand Pal S/o Sh. Ramesh Mani Pal R/o-B-44, Second-Floor Gali No.8, Shalimar Village, Shalimar-Bagh Delhi-10088, have change my name to Subhash Chandra 0040513818-7 Pal.

Hotchandani R/O C-6/118 C, Keshav Puram, Delhi-110035. Have Changed My Name To Sourabh Hotchandani. 0040513822-4

I, Sourabh S/O Gopal

I. Amit R/o 218 Pocket 4 Rohini Sector 25 Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Amit Kumar for all purposes.

0040513223-1 I, Priya Kumari W/o-Ankush

0040513781-2

R/O-Flat No-401,4th-Floor, PlotNo-G-109A, Azad-Apartment, Joon-Residency, Ashok-Vihar-3 Extn Gurugram-122001(Haryana) Sworn in an affidavit at Notary Public Have Changed My Name To Priya Tiwari. 0040513838-5

I, Gurbchan Singh Bhagi S/o Shri Charan Singh, R/o N-422, Jalvayu Vihar, Sector-25, Noida G.B. Nagar(U.P.) have changed my name from Gurbchan Singh Bhagi to Gurbachan Singh. Vide Affidavit-(98AD434963)dt-

I, Manjeet Singh Padam S/o Late S. Jasmail Singh Padam R/o B-379, Meera Bagh, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi, have changed the name of my minor son from Eeshaan Padam to Eeshaan Singh Padam for all future purposes. Eeshaan Padam and Eeshaan Singh Padam is one and same person.

24/09/2019

I. Shaikh Mohammad Soharab Alam S/O Reyazuddin R/O-E-47, 3rd-Floor, Shaheenbagh, Abulfazal-Enclave-2, Jamianagar, Okhla, Delhi-110025. Have Changed My Name To Sheikh Mohammad Sohrab Alam. 0040513822-10

I, Satish Kumar Gola S/o Chanderpal Gola R/o-9/111A, KishanGarh, VasantKuni, New Delhi, have changed my daughter name, from VERANDA GOLA to VIPRA, for all purposes. 0040513838-6

I, Saroj W/o Balvinder Singh, R/o Plot No.57, Shivaji Enclave, Delhi-110027 have changed my name to Sarabjit Kaur. 0040513856-1

I. Sangmitra R. Temburne, W/O Shri.Rajendra R/O-Quarter.no-9, Third-Floor, ESI-Colony, type-4, Sector-15, Rohini, Delhi-110089, have changed my name to Sanghamitra Rajendra

Tembhurne.

1. Sameer Husain, S/O Sartai Husain H.No-A-305 Street No-3/5 Near-Allha Masjid Chauhan-Banger New Seelampur Delhi-110053., Have Changed My Name To Sameer Hussain, 0040513822-8

0040513864-3

I, Saif Syed S/O, Syed Sattar Shah R/o E-12 Johri Farm, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025, have changed my name to Syed Saif for all purposes 0040513807-1

I, Sabu K.K, S/O Kumaran

C.C.R/O GH5&7/523, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi have changed my name to Sabu Koomullil Kumaran for all future purposes. 0040513766-1 I. Ruchica Burman W/o Amit Burman R/o-Q-306, Anupam

Appartment, East-Arjun-Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032, have changed my name to Ruchika Burman, for all purposes. 0040513856-2 I, Roshni Rashid Maryam D/o-Rashid Husain Alias Rashid Hussain Alias Rashid Ahmed

R/o-WZ-3620, Raja-Park,

Shakur-Basti, Delhi.changed name to Roshni Rashid. 0040513838-2

I, Roshani Davi, W/o Shri Harish Chandra R/o House No.2365. Shadipur, Mandir Wali Gali. New Delhi-110008 have changed my name to Roshni 0040513745-1 Devi.

I, Ridhi Suneja D/o Gulshan Suneja R/o 1/6180 GaliNo.3 East Rohtash Nagar Shahdara North East Delhi-32.changed my name to Riddhi Suneja. 0040513838-10

I, Mohammad Obed S/o Abdul Kayyum R/o 8031 Gali Tyre Wali Bara Hindu Rao Delhi-110006 have changed my name to Mohd Ubaid.

Zakir Khan R/o R-137, Gali

0040513742-2 Mohammad Tabish Khan S/o

No.6, Ramesh Park, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092 have changed my name to Tabish Khan for all purposes 0040513790-1 I, Mohammad Zakir Khan S/o

Abdul Gafoor R/o R-137, Gali

No.6, Ramesh Park, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092 have changed my name to Zakir Khan for all purposes

0040513790-2 I, Nand Kishor S/o Late Shri Ishwar Dass R/o 9/107, Geeta Colony, Delhi-110031 have changed my name to Nand Kishor Gandhi. 0040513787-1

I, Nazish Shakil Qureshi W/o Mohd Ubaid R/o 8031 Gali Tyre Wali Bara Hindu Rao Delhi-110006 have changed my

name to Nazish Parveen. 0040513742-1

I, PURVA W/O KARAMVIR SINGH JILLOHA, holding Indian Passport.No.M9819104. Dated-29.06.2015, issued at DELHI, having permanent residence at H.No.117/15, Kache-Kavater, Mashad Moahalla, Sonipat-131001, Haryana. Presently residing at Flat 181, Bldg.4647, Road-2468, Block-0324, Juffair, Manama, Bahrain do hereby changes my name as PURVA JILLOHA.Objections(s), if any, may be forwarded to Embassy of India, P.O.Box-26106, Bldg.1090, Road-2019, Bloack-428, Al Seef, Bahrain.

0040513864-6

I, Parema & Prerna W/o Sudhir Kumar R/o-E-230 Satar Wali Gali Khanpur Village N.Delhi-62, chaged my name to Babita. 0040513864-2

I, Pooja Gautam D/o Ravinder Kumar Gautam R/o V-39. Sector-12, Noida, have changed my name to Pooja for all purposes. 0040513812-1

I, Gunjan Maggo D/O Trilok Chand R/O House.No.Wz-A/128. ShardaPuri. Ramesh Nagar, New Delhi-110015, Have Changed My Name From Gunjan To Gunjan Maggo For All Future Purposes.

I, Kamalesh Singh W/o

0040513822-1

Gurbachan Singh, R/o N-422, Jalvayu Vihar, Sector-25, Noida G.B. Nagar(U.P.) have changed my name from Kamalesh Singh to Kamlesh Singh. Vide Affidavit-(98AD434964)dt-24/09/2019 0040513781-1

I, MANPREET Singh Chadha S/o

Gurdeep Singh Chadha R/o Farm No.21, Oak Drive, DLF Chattarpur, Delhi, have changed my name from Manpreet Singh Chadda to Manpreet Singh Chadha for all future purposes.

I, YASH S/o INDERVESH DABAS R/o 143, F.F.Sharda Niketan. Pitampura Delhi-110034 have changed my name to YASH DABAS. 0040513818-3

I. Ravi Shankar Vohra S/O Sai Dass R/O-B-177, Third-Floor, Derawal Nagar, Near-Model Town, Delhi-009., Have Changed My Name To Ravi Vohra. 0040513822-6

1, Raj Kamal@Bunty S/O Harjeet

Singh R/O-Flat No.62-A/1,-U/G/Floor, Dalip-Vihar, Nilothi-Extn, Nangloi, N.Delhi-110041., changed My Name To Raj Kamal. 0040513845-7 I, Raghvendra Jha S/o

Ramanand Jha R/o-RZ-252 Part-2-Kirari Suleman-Nagar Delhi-86, inform that my name Wrongly Written Raghvinder my driving license but correct name Raghvendra Jha.

0040513845-3

I. Priva kumari W/o Ghanshvam R/o H.No.A-44 camp No.4 Jawlapuri Sunder Vihar Delhi-41 inform that my name wrongly written as Pinki in my minor daughter Bhumi birth certificate my actual name is Priya Kumari 0040513856-6

I, Prahlad Singh R/o OAK-601 Gulmohur Residency, Ahinsa Khand-2. Indirapuram Ghaziabad UP have changed my minor daughter's name from Palak to Palak Gahlout. 0040513791-2

I, Poonam Sharma W/o Vijay Sharma R/o-G-39, First Floor, Back-Side, Saket Delhi-110017. have changed my name to Poonam Bhatnagar, Permanently. 0040513856-4

I, Mirdul Gupta S/o Rajeev Kumar Gupta R/o-985/797, Church-Lane, Bhogal, Delhi-110014, have changed my name to Mridul Gupta, for all purposes. 0040513856-3

I, Mahinder Singh S/O Shri.Beg Raj Singh, R/O-C-18, Gururam Dass-Nagar, Laxmi-Nagar, Delhi-110092.,changed My Name To Mahender Singh.

0040513845-9

I, Madan Saini S/o Chunni Lal R/o 40B, D.D.A-Flats, Mata-Sundri Road, New Delhi-110002 have changed my name to Madan Sain. 0040513845-2

I. Kapil Taneja R/o-C-277 Prashant Vihar Delhi-110085. changed my minor Daughter's name Chavi Taneja to Chhavi Taneja permanently.

0040513818-1 I. Kanu Priya W/o Hari Om Puri

R/o C-132, Mahendru Enclave, New Delhi-110033 have changed my name to Kannu Priya Puri for all future 0040513744-1 purposes. I, Kailash Pati S/o Raj pati

Nagar NIT Faridabad, have Changed my Name to Kailash pati Tiwari 0040513740-1 I, Jabbir Ahmed Khan S/O Saltanat Bahadur Khan, R/O-

Tiwari R/o-706 Block-C, S.G.M-

M-52, Block-M, Lane No-1, Batla-House, New-Friends Colony, Delhi-110025., changed My Name To Jabbir Ahmed. 0040513845-10 I, Gurucharanjit Singh S/o

Sri Nagar Shakurbasti Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Gurcharanjit Singh.

Mohinder Singh R/o-WZ-399

0040513864-7 I, Gagandeep Kaur W/o Neeraj Vohra R/o WZ-23, Mukhram Park Extn., Tilak Nagar, N. Delhi-

110018 have changed my name to Gagan Vohra after marriage. 0040513822-3 I, Parema & Prarna W/o Sudhir Kumar R/o.E-230,Satar Wali

Gali,khanpur Vill.,New Delhi-110062, have changed my name to Babita parmanently. 0040513819-1

I, Ashish Kumar Makhija S/o Saniav Makhija R/o-13/229. Geeta-Colony, Delhi-110031

have changed my name to Ashish Makhija. 0040513845-1 I Sumit Singh S/o Spinder Singh R/o-2036 Sector-7-D Faridabad Haryana have changed my Name to Sumit Sihag

I Sarika D/O Gulshan Kumar R/O-39/1, Ashok-Nagar Tilak-Nagar New-Delhi-110018. Have Change My Name To Sarika Sharma. 0040513822-9

0040513740-3

I Riya Nassa W/o Manish Nassa, R/o 47/1, 1st Floor, Ashok-Nagar, Tilak-Nagar, Delhi-110018, have changed my name from Poonam Kalra to Riya Nassa. 0040513856-7 I Rinki Attri D/o Sh.Chander Pal

R/o 50-L, Police Colony, Model Town-2, Delhi-110009 have changed my name to Ananya Attri for all purposes. 0040513731-2

I Randhir Singh @ Randhir Singh Tanwar S/o Late Sh.Hargian Singh Tanwar R/o WZ-G-41, Naraina Village, South West Delhi, Delhi-110028 have changed my name to Randhir Singh Tanwar for all 0040513731-6 purposes. I Pinki Attri D/o Sh.Chander Pal

Singh R/o 50-L, Police Colony, Model Town-2, Delhi-110009 have changed my name to Aaradhya Attri for all purposes. 0040513731-3 I Neha Malik W/o Rahul Anand R/o 16/5, GF, Kalkaji Delhi-19

have changed my name to Neha Anand. 0040513845-4 I Chirag S/o Dr.Ravinder Kumar R/o C-33 (29/31), Second Floor, Mall Road, Near International Student Hostel, Delhi University, North Delhi, Delhito Chirag Ravi Jethii for all purposes.

I Neelam Dalal W/O.Ashok Kumar Dalal R/O.B-502, Munirka-Apartment. plot.no.11, sector-9, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075.inform that Neelam Dalal & Neelam both are one and same person.

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To be known to self that my client Mr. Robit Kumar Sie Late St. Ser Knaban

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My clients Sh. Inder Singh S/c Late Sh. Jal Singh and Smt. Nirmal Devi W/o Sh. Inder Singh both R/o 28 Killa No.28, 29, Near Jatav Chaupal

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Krishna Nandani Devi, both R/o Villag & P.O.-Damodarpur, District-Bhojpu Ara, Bihar-802166 have disowned an

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from my client's all moveable and immovable properties, have severed all their relation with them in any

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(Formely known as Aventis

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Registered Office: Aventis

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NOTICE is hereby given that the

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certificate have applied to the

Company for issue of duplicate

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of publication of this Notice. In the

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BE IT KNOWN TO ALL

THAT my clients (1) 5h.

Surender Kumar Jain, R/o

110092 and (2) Sh. Naresh

Kumar Jain, Blo A-144, 1st

Floor, Yojna Vibar, Delhi

110092 both sons of Late

Rameshwar Dass Jain are

the joint owners of property:

bearing No. 1X/5877, Flor

No. 22, situated at Khesera

No. 110, abadi Nehru Gali,

Indira Gali, Subhash

Mohalla, Gandhi Nagar

area Village-Seelampur

Shahdara, Delhi -110031

admeasuring area 242 Sq.

Yads, alongwith their

brother namely Sh

Mahender Singh Jain with

equal proportionate share.

Thus, all the above named

persons (i.e. Surender

Kumar Jain, Naresh Kumar

Jain and Mahender Singh

Jain) have equal right, tille

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SANJEEV BANSAL (Advocate)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THAT my clients Sh

Sukhpal Singh Verma S/o

Sh. Shrichand Verma R/o D-

261. First Floor, Nirman

Vihar, Delhi 110 092 (Donor)

and Sh. Umesh Rainfwal S/o

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Shakarpur, Delhi-110092

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have debarred them from

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| Mohammad Rais S/o Anwarul Haq R/o 2483, Gali Katra Rajji, Shardhanand Marg, Delhi-6 have Changed my Name From Mohd Rais Ul Haque to Mohammad Rais for All Future Purposes. 0040513777-1

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S/o Late Sh.Bhajan Lal Verma R/o RZ26P/61A, Gali No.10, Indra Park, Palam Colony, Palam Village, S.O., South West Delhi, Delhi-110045 have changed my name to Lala Ram Verma for all purposes. 0040513731-1

I Kartar Singh Arneja S/O

Name To Kartar Singh.

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Second-Floor, Model Town-1, Delhi 110009 Have Changed My

0040513856-5 Hitherto known as Krishna Devi D/O Devi Dayal W/O Jai Dayal Gogia R/O L-205 Agarsen-Apartments 66 I.P.Extension, Patparganj, Delhi-110092. have changed

my name and shall hereafter

be known as Krishna Devi

Gogia.

I Chandan Kumar Sharma S/O Vishawnath Sharma R/O-D-481, Avantika-Pocket-00, Sector-1, Rohini New Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Chandan Kumar.

0040513838-1 I. Vikas Kumar Tripathi R/O

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Siddhrth Nagar-272151 have changed my name to Vikas Kumar for all purposes. 0070675877-1 I, Sumit Banerjee, S/O SH.Suprivo Baneriee R/O-Room.No-128,Akah Air-Force

Officer's Mess Dr.Zakir Hussain

marg New-Delhi-110003, Have

Changed My Minor Daughter's

Srishti Banerjee Vide-Affidavit

Name Shristi Banerjee To

Date-20-09-19.

H.No-138, Charthari, Bansi,

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Lost my original demand cum Allotment letter bearing Flatno.138-A, G.F. Pkt-GH-2, Ankur Appartment, Paschim Vihar, New-Delhi-63. Finder contact-Gautam Nindra mob.9868889316.0040513856-10

I. Mahendra Kumar Bharti S/o Indra Deo Yadav, have Lost **Original Property Documents** Allotment Letter & Receipts of Plot.No.25 Block-E, Ansal Town Agra-U.P, Finder Contact-9304724326 0040513729-1

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To be known to all that my client Subhash Chander Sood S/o Late Shri Thakur Dass R/o Flat No. 93, Block C2C, Pocket 12, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058 allottee of Flat No. 93, Block C2C, Pocket 12, Ground Floor in the area of Janakpuri, New Delh 110058 has applied for converstion of the above said flat from lease hold to free hold vide Application No. 157386 dated 28-5-2019 in DDA. The Original documents i. Possession Letter, NOC for Electric and Water Connection and Site Possessio Slip of the above Flat have been lost. Ar NCR to this effect has been lodged Police station Janakouri vide LR No 1076615/2019 dated 21-5-2019. Any Person(s) claiming any right, interes having any objection or found possession of original documents ma contact with above named person 9810027743 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The perso claiming any right, interest, objections with respect to this property can personall

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website: www.pspcl.in, E-tendering Portal: https://pspcl.abcprocure.com

Date and Time of Opening of Tender 07.11.2019 at 11.30 hrs. Tender specification can only be downloaded from PSPCL E-tendering web-NOTE: Corrigendum, if any after the publication of this tender enquiry shall only

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Tender Documents

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TELLING NUMBERS

How the fortunes of Indians in rich list changed in 2019

THE TOP 10

Rank	Name	Wealth	Change	Company
		(Rs crore)		
1-	Mukesh Ambani, 62	380,700	3%	Reliance Industries
2-	SP Hinduja, 83 & family	186,500	17%	Hinduja
3▲	Azim Premji, 74	117,100	22%	Wipro
4▼	LN Mittal, 69 & family	107,300	-6%	ArcelorMittal
5*	Gautam Adani, 57 & family	94,500	33%	Adani Ports & SEZ
6-	Uday Kotak, 60	94,100	20%	Kotak Mahindra Bank
7-	Cyrus S Poonawalla, 78	88,800	22%	Serum Institute of India
8▲	Cyrus Pallonji Mistry, 51	76,800	11%	Shapoorji Pallonji
8▲	Shapoor Pallonji Mistry, 54	76,800	11%	Shapoorji Pallonji
10▼	Dilip Shanghvi, 63	71,500	-20%	Sun Pharmaceutical
	▲ Rank increase YoY; ▼ Ra	ınk decrease Y	οΥ; - No Ra	nk change YoY; * New to Top !

Source: Hurun Research Institute; IIFL Wealth Hurun India Rich List 2019

ON WEDNESDAY, Hurun Report India and IIFL Wealth released the Hurun India Rich List 2019, which has found that the richest Indians saw their average wealth decline by 11 per cent over the last year. "If we exclude the new wealth added this year, the cumulative wealth of the IIFL Wealth Hurun India Rich List 2019 dropped by Rs 3,72,800 crore," it states. According to the list, "344 individuals or more than a third of this year's list witnessed wealth reduction and another 112 failed to meet the cut-off of Rs 1,000 crore — almost half of last year's list".

The Harun India Rich List has collected data on 953 individuals across 41 industries this year. The cut-off for inclusion was a minimum wealth of Rs 1,000 crore. This year's list grew by 15 per cent. In other words, 122 more people were included in that cut-off mark compared to last year. Compared to the 2016 list, the number of entities included is up 181 per cent.

Among the key highlights: ■ With a net worth of Rs 94,500 crore, Gautam Adani (57) stormed

33% or Rs 22,300 crore Average wealth of the list is around Rs 5,300 crore and the average age is 60 years

into the top 5; his wealth increased by

■ 29 new billionaires (in US\$ terms) in 2019 - taking the total to 138

Indians: 5 individuals lost the dollar billionaire status

■ 13 Non-Promoter CEOs feature in the IIFL Wealth Hurun India Rich List 2019, of whom two reside in India ■ Led by Roshni Nadar of HCL, 152

women feature on the list Mukesh Ambani, 62, head of Reliance Industries, is the richest Indian with a wealth of Rs 3,80,700 crore - that is roughly 2.2 times the historic dividend transferred by India's central bank - the RBI - to the Union government recently. Or, roughly 2.6 times the revenue foregone by the Union government as it

cut corporate income tax rates to their

lowest level recently. While Ambani's wealth grew by just 3 per cent, the biggest gainer over the past year — in terms of percentage change – was Gautam Adani and family. Their wealth soared by 33 per cent - the highest improvement among the top 10 richest Indians. The other big gainers over the past year were Azim Premji of Wipro, Uday Kotak of Kotak Mahindra Bank and Cyrus Poonawalla of the Serum Institute of India.

Rounding off the top 10 is Dilip Shanghvi of Sun Pharmaceuticals whose wealth declined by 20 per cent. L N Mittal of ArcelorMittal was the other one among the top 10 whose wealth declined.

THIS WORD MEANS

QUANTUM SUPREMACY

A goal of computing. Has Google got there?

ON FRIDAY, the *Financial Times* published from the UK reported that a draft research paper claimed Google researchers have achieved a long-ought-after goal in physics called "quantum supremacy". The paper had appeared on the NASA website and was then pulled down, but the FT had retrieved a copy.

Quantum supremacy refers to a quantum computer solving a problem that cannot be expected of a classical computer in a normal lifetime. This relates to the speed at which a quantum computer performs. According to reports about the vanished draft paper, said to have been written by scientists at Google and the Quantum Artificial Intelligence Lab collaboration that includes NASA researchers, the quantum processor took 200 seconds to perform a calculation that

the world's fastest supercomputer, Summit, would have taken 10,000 years to accomplish. The draft paper is believed to be an early version of a paper that has been submitted to a scientific journal.

What differentiates a quantum computer from a traditional computer is the way the two store information. The former stores information in the form of bits that can take only two values, zero or one, whereas a quantum computer stores it in the form of quantum bits (qubits) that can take on various combinations of zero and one. The phrase "quantum supremacy" was coined in 2011 by John Preskill, Professor of Theoretical Physics at the California Institute of Technology in a talk he delivered on the benefits of using quantum hardware over traditional computers.



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SIMPLY PUT

The Trump-Biden-Ukraine story

A call between Trump and the Ukraine President has triggered a new crisis in the US, with the Democrat-led House of Representatives deciding to initiate an impeachment inquiry against the President

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 25

NANCY PELOSI, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, has announced that the House would begin a formal impeachment inquiry against President Donald Trump to hold him accountable for a "betrayal of his oath of office, betrayal of our national security and betrayal of the integrity of our elections".

Trump is alleged to have tried to enlist a foreign country, Ukraine, on his side in a personal political battle with Joe Biden, the senior Democratic Party leader who was President Barack Obama's vice-president from 2009 to 2017. Biden is the frontrunner to be the Democratic party's nominee against Trump in the presidential election of 2020.

In a telephone conversation two months ago, Trump is alleged to have pressured Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy to open a corruption investigation in his country against Biden and his son Hunter Biden. Before this call, the President issued a personal order to freeze more than \$391 million of US aid to Ukraine, The Washington Post and The New York Times have reported.

The aid Trump allegedly ordered frozen was intended for use in training and equipping Kyiv's forces against continuing Russian hostility. The money was in two packets: \$250 million from the Defence Department's Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative; \$141 million from the State Department's foreign military financing program. The funds – which would have lapsed on September 30 — were finally released on September 11.

The announcement by Pelosi on Tuesday greatly increases the possibility that Trump will become the fourth individual in the 230year history of the American presidency to face removal from office by impeachment. None of the previous three — Andrew Johnson (1865-69), Richard Nixon (1969-74) and Bill Clinton (1993-2001) — was removed as a result of impeachment (see inset).

Developments so far

Two years of speculation on possible impeachment, as Department of Justice Special Counsel Robert S Mueller III probed the alleged Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election, ended in July with Mueller neither indicting nor exonerating the President. But in August, an intelligence community whistleblower filed a fresh complaint about Trump, which an inspector general of the intelligence community deemed "credible" and "urgent", and forwarded to the acting Director of National Intelligence, Joseph Maguire.

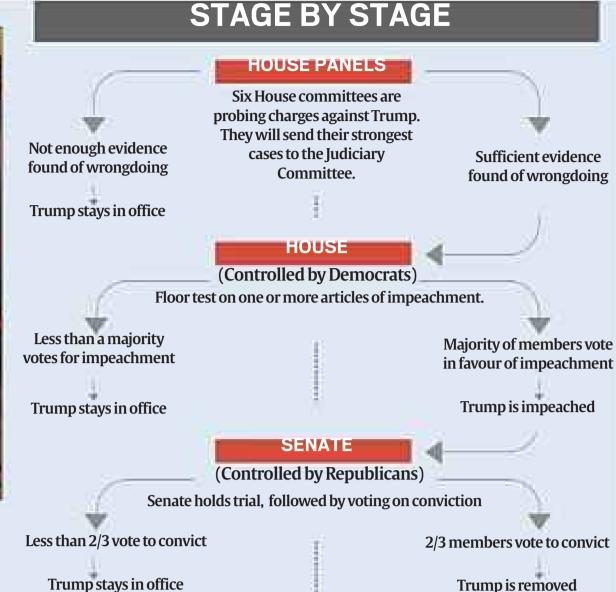
On September 13, House Intelligence Committee chairman Adam Schiff subpoenaed Maguire, accusing him of "improperly" withholding the contents of the whistleblower's complaint citing "confidential and potentially privileged communications". Schiff expressed "grave concerns that (Maguire's) office, together with the Department of Justice and possibly the White House, are engaged in an unlawful effort to protect the President and conceal from the Committee information related to his possible 'serious or flagrant' misconduct, abuse of power, or violation of law".

Over September 18, 19, and 20, reports in The Post, The NYT, and The Wall Street Journal revealed that the whistleblower's complaint, made on August 12, was about a phone call between Trump and Zelenskiy on July 25, in the course of which Trump had asked the Ukrainian leader "about eight times" to investigate Hunter Biden. Several Democratic lawmakers called for an impeachment inquiry on September 20.

As the scandal escalated, Trump confirmed he had discussed Biden with Zelenskiy in the context of "all the corruption taking place": "We don't want... Biden and his son creating [sic] to the corruption already in the Ukraine." He also said he would release the full transcript of his call



an impeachment inquiry against **President Donald Trump.** Reuters



How a US President can be impeached

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ON TUESDAY, US House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced that the House would launch an impeachment inquiry against President Donald Trump, over his alleged efforts efforts to pressure Ukraine to investigate Joe Biden, Trump's potential rival in the 2020 elections. How does impeachment take place?

What it means

Impeachment is a provision that allows Congress to remove the President of the United States. Under the US Constitution, the House of Representatives (lower House) has the "the sole power of impeachment" while the Senate (upper House) has "the sole power to try all impeachments". The Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court has the duty of presiding over impeachment trials in the Senate.

Grounds for impeachment

The President can be removed from office for "treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors". What constitutes these "high crimes" and "misdemeanors" (misde-

The New York Times explained that the expression "high crimes and misdemeanors" came out of the British common law tradition. "Essentially, it means an abuse of power by a high-level public official. This does not necessarily have to be a violation of an ordinary criminal statute," The NYT said. Historically, in the US, it has encompassed corruption and other abuses, including trying to obstruct judicial proceedings.

meanours), however, is not clearly spelt out.

Impeachment history No US President has ever been removed

as a direct result of impeachment. The House did impeach two Presidents — Andrew Johnson (1968) and Bill Clinton (1998) — but the Senate did not convict them. In between, President Richard Nixon (1974) resigned before he could be removed.

The process

HOUSE VOTE: It begins with an investigation by a House committee. In the Nixon and Clinton cases, the House Judiciary Committee held that investigation and recommended articles of impeachment to the full House. In Trump's case, six committees are investigating him on impeachable offences. If they find that

it will refer the matter to the full House (see flow chart).

there is enough evidence of wrongdoing,

HOUSE VOTE: When the full House votes, if one or moe of the articles of impeachment gets a majority vote, the President is impeached. Next, the proceedings move to the Senate.

SENATE TRIAL & VOTE: The Senate holds a trial, overseen by the chief justice of the Supreme Court. A team of lawmakers from the House, known as managers, play the role of prosecutors, *The NYT* explained. The President has defence lawyers, and the Senate serves as the jury. If at least two-thirds of the Senators present find the President guilty, he is removed and the Vice President takes over as President.

Numbers in the Houses

The House has 235 Democrats, 199 Republicans, and one independent. The Democrats could, therefore, impeach Trump with no Republican support.

The Senate has 53 Republicans, 45 Democrats and two independents who usually vote with the Democrats. Conviction of the President would require 67 votes, which cannot happen unless some Republicans vote against him.

with the Ukrainian leader. The transcript was released Wednesday late evening India time. On September 24, Schiff tweeted that the

whistleblower had expressed the desire to speak directly with the House Intelligence Committee, and might testify "as soon as this week". And Pelosi announced the House will begin a formal impeachment inquiry because "the actions taken to date by the President have seriously violated the Constitution".

Biden and Ukraine

The Bidens' connection with Ukraine began in April 2014, when Hunter, son of then Vice-President Biden, joined the board of Burisma Holdings, a Ukrainian natural gas firm owned by the oligarch Mykola Zlochevsky, a former minister in the government of Viktor Yanukovych, a leader with close links to Russia who had just been removed as President by Ukraine's Parliament.

In February 2015, a man called Viktor Shokin became the prosecutor general of Ukraine, and took charge of an ongoing in-

vestigation of money laundering, tax evasion, and corruption against Zlochevsky and Burisma. The US and the International Monetary Fund accused Shokin of going slow on corruption. In March 2016, Biden went to Kyiv, and threatened President Petro Poroshenko that he would hold back a scheduled \$1 billion US loan if he did not fire Shokin. In 2018, Biden boasted that as a result of his threat, the "son of a bitch... got fired".

From the spring of 2019, according to multiple US media reports, Trump's personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani started to pressure the Ukrainians to dig up dirt on Biden from the Burisma episode. The withholding of the military aid, and Trump's July 25 phone conversation with his Ukrainian counterpart were allegedly part of the same tactics of pressure. Hunter Biden is no longer with Burisma.

Commentators have pointed out that Biden's actions in 2016 were on behalf of President Obama, and that there was no evidence that he intended his son to benefit in any way. Also, as a commentary in *The Atlantic*

has argued, Biden's demand for a tougher prosecutor was more likely to increase the pressure on Burisma than to take it off.

What happens now

Based on reports in the US media, it would appear that a large number of Democrats believe that the new accusations represent an open-and-shut case against Trump, much more easy to grasp for the public than the complex nuances of the Mueller report. The President used taxpayer money as a bargaining chip to force a foreign government to go after a personal political rival — this sounds like clear-cut impropriety, in their view. "Right now, we have to strike while the iron is hot," Pelosi told House Democrats on Tuesday.

Late Wednesday night India time, *The NYT* was reporting that 209 Representatives supported an impeachment inquiry. All except one – an Independent – were Democrats, making up more than two-thirds of the 235-strong House Democrat group. No Republicans were in favour of the impeachment inquiry.

Why RBI has put restrictions on a cooperative bank, what happens now

GEORGE MATHEW

MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 25

ON TUESDAY, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) slapped restrictions on Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank Ltd (PMC Bank), a leading cooperative bank headquartered in Mumbai, appointed an administrator and superseded its board of directors, sending shock waves among thousands of its depositors. Panic-stricken customers rushed to bank's branches across the state and were unable to withdraw more than Rs 1,000. They had not been aware that the bank, which was under the supervisory glare of the RBI, was being milked by real estate players led by HDIL with the connivance of bank officials.

What is the reach of PMC Bank?

Founded in 1984, PMC Bank was the youngest bank to get the status of a sched-

uled bank in 2000 and a licence of authorised dealer category 1 in the year 2011 for forex business by the RBI. PMC Bank has 137 branches spread across seven states with 81 of these in Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Thane and Palghar regions, 10 in Pune and 12 in the rest of Maharashtra. The bank has several small businesses, housing societies and institutions as its customers. It was popular in the Sikh community as some of the original promoters were from the community-based in Mumbai.

What went wrong?

Going by the Annual Report and Balance Sheet, everything appeared to be hunkydory. The bank, which has a deposit base of just over Rs 11,000 crore, reported a net profit of Rs 99.69 crore in 2018-19 as against Rs 100.90 crore in 2017-18. The bank showed 3.76 per cent (or Rs 315 crore) of advances (Rs 8,383 crore) as gross nonperforming assets (NPAs) in March 2019, which was a good

performance considering that public sector banks recorded over 10 per cent gross NPAs. But it turned out that the bank had sup-

pressed the sticky assets and under-reported them; the total bad loans could be between Rs 2,000-2,500 crore. There was no way the bank could have made provisions for such high levels of bad loans. Though the auditor of the bank did not flag the issue in the Annual Report of 2018-19, the RBI became tough in the wake of huge divergence in bad loan reporting.

The bank was funding a clutch of companies, mainly in the troubled real estate sector, led by Housing Development & Infrastructure Ltd (HDIL). Commercial banks have already declared HDIL a defaulter. Rakesh Kumar Wadhawan is the Chairman of HDIL and his son Sarang Wadhawan is the Vice Chairman and MD. PMC Bank's Managing Director Joy Thomas on Wednesday went on record to say that the bank had given loan to Wadhawan even after the company (HDIL) defaulted on its loans to other banks and the firm was taken to National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) for insolvency proceedings. However, Thomas claimed that the loan was much lower than Rs 2,500 crore quoted in the media.

On August 20, 2019, NCLT admitted an insolvency plea moved by the Bank of India against HDIL in connection with a Rs 522crore loan default.

What is the Wadhawan connection?

The Wadhawans of HDIL group had close links with PMC Bank for a long time. PMC Bank's chairman, Waryam Singh, was on the board of HDIL for nine years (2006-15) until he resigned as a director. Incidentally, Kapil Wadhawan, chairman and MD of Dewan Housing Finance Ltd (DHFL), which is also facing a liquidity crunch, is a cousin of Sarang Wadhawan. After the Wadhawan family divided the group business, real estate (HDIL) was managed by Rakesh Wadhawan while the mortgage business (DHFL) went to his brother, the late Rajesh Wadhawan, father of Kapil Wadhawan.

What has surprised bankers is that HDIL, already a defaulter and taken to NCLT for insolvency, managed to get a pay order worth around Rs 96 crore from PMC Bank for a settlement at the Bank of India. However, Thomas of PMC Bank had claimed this was given with the backing of Wadhawan's personal guarantee. "Loans given to HDIL and other entities were suppressed despite defaults. The RBI supervision was also lax. They should have flagged these issues long back. I don't believe their auditors did not know about this," said Vishwas Utagi, former general secretary of Maharashtra State Bank Employees Federation. Utagi said the RBI was forced to step in after the HDIL was taken to NCLT for insolvency proceedings and it was not in a position to repay the loans and the bank was unable to make provisions.

What's the way forward?

The RBI has appointed J B Bhoria as administrator of PMC Bank; he is expected to take appropriate measures to bring the bank back on the rails. The 14-member board of the bank headed by Waryam Singh has been superseded.

Going by the RBI's actions on the co-operative banking front, one option is for PMC Bank to be merged with another bank. Between 2004 and 2018, the RBI has merged 72 cooperative banks in Maharashtra alone. Across the country, the number of urban cooperative banks has fallen from 1,926 to 1,551 in the last 15 years.

If the bank is liquidated, which is less likely, depositors will get Rs 1 lakh irrespective of the amount they had deposited. Small depositors need not panic as the bank has Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation cover under which deposits up to Rs 1 lakh are covered. The bank has also claimed it has enough assets to cover the liabilities.

WORDLY WISE

I BELIEVE THAT CINEMA PICKS UP IDEAS FROM SOCIETY AND NOT THE OTHER WAY ROUND.

— AMITABH BACHCHAN

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

PEEKABOO, GUESS WHO

SC seeks an end to trolling and lying online. But the cure must not be worse than the disease

HE SUPREME COURT, responding to a plea by Facebook, has expressed serious concern about the electronic Wild West that internet technology has opened up, and directed the government to file an affidavit within three weeks outlining a strategy to get social media platforms to share information with law enforcement without compromising the privacy of citizens. The court had asked why citizens must suffer being trolled and maligned with the impunity conferred by anonymity, and without hope of easy legal remedy. It is a serious question, since clarity concerning guidelines would remove the arbitrariness with which action has been sought and draconian curbs applied. But in a nation that has become pathetically eager to both give and take offence, it is a difficult question concerning the countervailing claims of different rights, and it is particularly vexed by the depressing reality that none of the stakeholders involved have kept their hands clean.

At the risk of seeming contrarian, may we ask why the government, which will now draft the affidavit, permits the rampant misuse and abuse of the law against citizens who speak out online? Even after the offensive Section 66A of the Information Technology Act was struck down as unconstitutional in 2015, the harassment of citizens involved in opinionating, advocacy or discussion has continued, without the government requiring application of mind from the police. Some governments have stooped to using the instrument directly against their own people. Caution is now required, since the imperative of public order and safety is often used to justify innovations that are revealed to be intrusive or coercive. The court may wish to consult its own ruling in Shreya Singhal vs Union of India, delivered by Justices J Chelameswar and Rohinton F Nariman: "It is clear that Section 66A arbitrarily, excessively and disproportionately invades the right of free speech and upsets the balance between such right and the reasonable restrictions." In the judges' view, Section 66A suffered from the deficit of "vagueness", encouraging arbitrariness. The guidelines which the government is required to produce may be as arbitrary in practice, because perceptions of right and wrong are socially determined, rather than legally.

The social media platforms which would follow these guidelines have not consistently been ideal guardians of the balance between privacy and accountability. Facebook is still firefighting the Cambridge Analytica scandal and allegations of letting its platform be used to influence the US elections and Brexit. And troll-teeming Twitter is permanently beleaguered by allegations of unresponsiveness to complaints of abuse. The court, which over the years has expanded the contours of free speech, has entered deep waters here, and may finally see fit to rely on existing laws and processes. If applied prudently and morally, they should suffice the purpose.

THE PILLAR STANDS

By asserting the supremacy of parliament, the UK Supreme Court upholds democratic first principles

AST MONTH, BRITISH Prime Minister Boris Johnson sought to circumvent the first principles of deliberative democracy through a procedural technicality. The PM, by "advising" the titular head of state, Queen Elizabeth, to prorogue (suspend) parliament for five weeks, would have escaped a in-depth debate around the modalities of the Brexit deal Johnson is seeking to put in place before the October 31 deadline. There was also a very real possibility of a disastrous "no deal Brexit". On Tuesday, the highest court in the United Kingdom ruled unanimously to enforce the supremacy of parliament, and, in doing so, established the resilience of the institutions that form the pillars of democracy during a political crisis that has vitiated the public discourse.

In a sharp and unambiguous 24-page judgment, the 11-member bench highlighted the higher judiciary's responsibility in defining the limits to the powers of the executive. To do so, it rightly concluded, is not judicial over-reach but rather the essential task of the higher courts in a democracy, which values checks and balances to power. The court also established, rightly, that the legal precedent and conventions that form the bedrock of the UK's constitutional morality cannot be discarded for the exigencies of partisan politics. By trying to avoid a debate on a contentious and important issue, Johnson undermined the core principle of parliamentary accountability, according to the court. It said: "The Court is bound to conclude, therefore, that the decision to advise Her Majesty to prorogue Parliament was unlawful because it had the effect of frustrating or preventing the ability of Parliament to carry out its constitutional functions without reasonable justification."

Accountability to parliament, as the judgment notes, "lies at the heart of Westminster democracy". Since the people of Britain voted by a slender majority to leave the European Union, the country has been mired in a political crisis, with the threat of economic uncertainty looming. Added to that, the prospect of the executive riding rough-shod over the legislature, claiming the backing of the will of the people, would be a challenge to the very idea of parliamentary democracy. The Supreme Court of the United Kingdom has made it clear that it is parliament, collectively, that represents the will of the people, not merely those few members who lead the government. And that the institutions that make democracy a legal and moral endeavour can stand against populism. It is a lesson that has resonance beyond the British Isles.

ALWAYS BIG B

In his 50-year tinsel journey, Amitabh Bachchan has set the mood for Bollywood, remaining larger than life always

HIS YEAR'S DADASAHEB Phalke Award has gone to Hindi cinema's greatest star. Dilip Kumar was perhaps the better actor, Raj Kapoor the greater showman, Dev Anand more charming and Rajesh Khanna was better at romance. The younger audience may have identified more with the Khans. But for 50

years, Bollywood has not had a shahenshah as charismatic as Amitabh Bachchan.

The thespian did not always have it easy. He made his film debut as a voice narrator in Mrinal Sen's *Bhuvan Shome* (1969). But in those days, Bachchan's baritone had few takers. And his tall frame was deemed too awkward for the romantic parts. Bachchan was first noticed in the K A Abbas film Saat Hindustani (1969). In his memoirs, Abbas recalls telling "the tall young man... in a way we have no heroine in our film". One of his early films, Anand (1971), got Bachchan a Filmfare award for the Best Supporting Actor. But this Hrishikesh Mukherjee film was all about Rajesh Khanna, the philosopher's stone for every producer then. This was the time when the Dilip-Raj-Dev trio were on their way out, but still held some sway. And there was jubilee Rajendra Kumar as well. However, these were also times when ideals and morals were put to question. Bollywood needed a hero who was a rebel but introspective, abrasive at times yet with a palpably tender side. Inspector Vijay in Prakash Mehra's *Zanjeer* (1973) was the prototype of such an "angry young man".

From Saat Hindustani, Anand to Zanjeer, Deewar and Sholay to Hum and Shahenshah to Black, Paa, Piku and Pink this century, Bachchan's tinsel journey, in some ways, encapsulates Bollywood's changing moods. He defied life-threatening injury, came out of bankruptcy, held his own amidst generations of younger actors and at times, even defied the conventional. But Big B, who came to Bombay after giving up a princely job in a private company, never found the muse to be less than larger than life.

House is sovereign



There are lessons for India in UK apex court order that upholds democratic accountability of parliament

THE UNITED KINGDOM Supreme Court, in a slender but significant judgment, decided that the prorogation of parliament by the Queen of England, acting on the advice of the Privy Council, was unlawful on the grounds of parliamentary sovereignty and democratic accountability. It historically held the action was so patently unlawful that "when the Royal Commissioners walked into the House of Lords it was as if they walked in with a blank sheet of paper". This unanimous judgment of all 11 justices (the twelfth was not empanelled to avoid the casting vote of the chief justice for which apparently the Constitutional Reform Act 2005, makes no provision).

The situation before the Court was pregnant with the politics of power but it, like the Indian counterpart, focussed merely on constitutionality of the prime minister's action of prorogation of parliament in mid-session. This was truly a Kesavananda Bharati moment for the British court. But unlike the full Indian court, there was no riot of concurring and dissenting opinions. Written in elegant and firm language, and

accessible to all, the judgment is very brief (71 paragraphs and 24 pages and heard only for three days). The judicial courage, craft, and contention have a common core in India and UK — judicial review has its basis primarily in safeguarding people's basic rights but in the Indian context, the end is achieved by a prolixity of judicial opinions addressed to multiple constituencies and the high art of speaking to the future. May be, judicial verbosity emanates in India from the verbosity of the written Constitution itself? Or, each justice values the freedom to write, to concur as well dissent? Or still some are anxious to attain judicial immortality and be remembered by posterity with pride? Perhaps, the ancient Hindu law tradition of nibandkaras (essayists) reincarnates law-giving in the form of an erudite discourse. Different judicial styles reveal both the language of power and the power of language — a subject worthy of study by law and sociolinguistics.

The UK Supreme Court has available to it two diametrically opposed readings. The first was the model of judicial self-restraint or ac-

executive by insisting on the basic principles of the common law, which protect parliamentary sovereignty. It adopted the latter course saying that although the "United Kingdom does not have a single document entitled 'The Constitution', it nevertheless possesses a Constitution, established over the course of our history by common law, statutes, conventions and practice". Though not codified, "it has developed pragmatically, and remains sufficiently flexible to be capable of further development" and it "includes numerous principles of law, which are enforceable by the courts in the same way as other legal principles". The principle of judicial duty stands reiterated: "... the courts have the responsibility of upholding the values and principles of our constitution and making them effective: And it is their particular responsibility to determine the legal limits of the powers conferred on each branch of government, and to decide whether any exercise of power has transgressed those limits." The courts "cannot shirk that responsibility merely on the ground that the question raised is political in tone or context". The judicial duty then lies in the discovery of the first principles of constitutional law, which regulate the application of constitutional discipline over the uses of political power. I do not think that the Indian Supreme Court's jurisprudence, and its demosprudential co-governance of the nation, is substantially different in result, though the contexts vary enormously. However, the British Supreme Court does

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not confine the sway of such principles merely to the "protection of individual rights", but includes "principles concerning the conduct of public bodies and the relationships between them". These principles are "a concomitant of parliamentary sovereignty". Accordingly, the "power to prorogue cannot be unlimited". Indeed, no power is, at least in a constitutional democracy.

The Court boldly faces the question: "How, then, is the limit upon the power to prorogue to be defined, so as to make it com-

patible with the principle of parliamentary sovereignty?" It dexterously links the doctrine of parliamentary sovereignty with democratic accountability to people at large: "Ministers are accountable to parliament through such mechanisms as their duty to answer parliamentary questions and to appear before parliamentary committees, and through parliamentary scrutiny of the delegated legislation which ministers make. By these means, the policies of the executive are subjected to consideration by the representatives of the electorate, the executive is required to report, explain and defend its actions, and citizens are protected from the arbitrary exercise of executive power". And in the present case, judicial duty consists in applying some "legal limits" because a mere executive fiat proroguing parliament runs "the greater ...risk that responsible government may be replaced by unaccountable government ...the antithesis of the democratic model". It was precisely this fear of limitless executive power that led the apex court in India to prescribe and develop the principle of the basic structure and essential features of the Constitution.

Neither the monarch, nor the prime minister, may insulate themselves from parliamentary sovereignty and democratic accountability. Considerable judicial regard for "the responsibilities and experience of the prime minister" does not overcome the "court's responsibility to determine whether the prime minister has remained within the legal limits of the power". The Court will intervene if "the consequences are sufficiently serious"; far from being a mere judicial sayso, it has to rest on the discovery and affirmation of sound basic principles of constitutional good governance.

Of course, no judicial decision is beyond socially responsible critique. But in asking parliament to finally decide the terms and conditions of Brexit, the British court has valuably upheld the principles of democratic accountability of a sovereign parliament.

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Sexual & reproductive health data need to be accurate to form effective basis for policy



BALRAM BHARGAVA

ON WORLD CONTRACEPTION Day, there is a need to talk about the reproductive health practices and rights of people in India. It is commendable that the government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been vocal about the need for a small and healthy family to contribute to India's socioeconomic growth in the long term. To achieve this vision, there is a need to highlight the importance of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), which are fundamental for family planning and the overall well-being of individuals.

India's family planning programme dates back to the 1950s and it has made significant progress. The recent emphasis on increasing spacing between children and providing access to the basket of contraceptive choices poses the promise of universal access to reproductive health services. The National Family Health Survey (NFHS) 4 shows that the use of modern contraceptive methods (mCPR) continues to be around 48 per cent since 2006. In the states which showed mCPR decline, sterilisation contributed to more than 70 per cent of contraceptive use. Further, according to NFHS 4, female sterilisation in India continues to be around 37 per cent since 2006, despite health complications and deaths, highlighting the gender inequality in contraceptive use. This could be because of lack of accessibility or awareness of other contraceptive methods and requires immediate redressal.

India has a vast repository of health and demographic data. But such a repository can also be confusing. For instance, contraceptive

Researchers have pointed out that data quality gets affected due to factors like interviewer bias, which leads to incorrect data entry. This often occurs while collecting female sterilisation data, which is impacted by overreporting women as never users and reporting current female non-users as cases of hysterectomy. The level of the bias has been found to be higher in the states that recorded a decline in mCPR, which reflects that the findings were influenced due to errors in data collection.

use data from large-scale surveys show different levels in selected geographies, making planning challenging. These inaccuracies could be due to errors in data collection.

The errors in data collection impact the quality of data, which compromises the survey findings. The quality of these findings is crucial for policy planning to address reproductive health and maternal and child health issues. Researchers have pointed out that data quality gets affected due to factors like interviewer bias, which leads to incorrect data entry. This often occurs while collecting female sterilisation data, which is impacted by overreporting women as non-users and reporting current female non-users as cases of hysterectomy. The level of the bias has been found to be higher in the states that recorded a decline in mCPR, which reflects that the findings were influenced due to errors in data collection. Also, there is difficulty in distinguishing between methods like sterilisation and hysterectomy for some interviewers, which leads to incorrect reporting. Research shows that statelevel decline in the utilisation of mCPR and decline in sterilisation acceptance could lead to a reduction in the use of mCPR.

There is a need to address data quality issues and introduce technological interventions in data collection, training, and capacity-building of survey officials. The role of the National Data Quality Forum (NDQF), a multiinstitutional initiative hosted by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) becomes crucial when it comes to addressing the gaps between data collection and analysis and using that data for advocacy and policymaking. NDQF aims at improving data quality for better and efficient research, identify discordance and errors, and establish protocols and good practices for improving data quality. NDQF plans to create an integrated platform to share new ideas, develop advanced techniques with the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and technology, for improving data quality in health and demographic research for effective pol-

icy planning. There is a need to promote forums like NDQF to reduce the errors in data collection and bring together the brightest minds for developing robust data quality frameworks. Further, the onus should be on making data collection inclusive of people, choice, agency, awareness, and decision-making. It is also crucial to address women's reproductive rights. According to NHFS 4.36 per cent females and only 0.3 per cent males underwent sterilisation which showcases the level of the disparity. With male sterilisation on rapid decline Ministry of Health and Family Welfare released the National Health Policy 2017 which aims uptake of male sterilisation to 30 per cent. Therefore, the focus should be on improving data for identifying the issues in contraceptive use and addressing gender inequality in SRHR in India. The ICMR-NIRRH Mumbai has taken this up as a priority area of research.

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COMPANY DONATIONS PROVISIONS OF SECTION 293-A of the Companies Act banning company donations to political parties have been amended by an ordinance to plug loopholes in it. Under the issued ordinance, contributions — direct or indirect (cash, in kind or by provisions of any service or assistance) — by a company to a political party or for political purposes have been made punishable. According to an official statement by the Department of Company Affairs, receipt of contribution from a company by any member or office-bearer of a political party or by any other person for or on behalf of a political party has also been made an offence under the ordinance.

ONGC STRIKE OFF

THE TWO-DAY-OLD STRIKE by workmen and officers of ONGC was called off this morning after an assurance by the deputy prime minister, Y B Chavan, that adequate police protection would be given to those working in Assam. The personnel who had stopped work in the oil fields in Gujarat resumed work today. Workers in the Bombay High offshore project had not joined the strikers. The Bombay High project workmen had threatened to stop crude and allied gas production from 6 a.m today. About 25,000 employees were involved in the ONGC strike which affected the working of the Koyali refinery and two fertiliser plants in Gujarat.

LEFT UNITY

EVEN AS THEY are making poll adjustments with the Janata (S)-Congress combination, the Marxists are conscious of the post-election battle that awaits them. That is precisely the reason why the CPM manifesto released in New Delhi today lays accent on consolidation of the Left forces. While explaining the main features of the manifesto to newsmen, BT Ranadive, politburo member, made it clear that continuous struggle will have to be waged even after the election, both inside and outside Parliament, For this to be possible, he said, the Left forces must strive to increase their strength in the Lok THE INDIAN EXPRESS, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

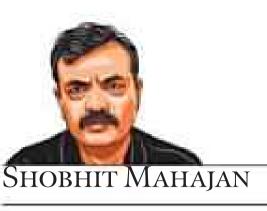
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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Mr Johnson and his team — including his chief adviser Dominic Cummings — have proved utterly ineffective. Just as well when they are trying to rule by decree and suspend democratic government." — THE INDEPENDENT

You can't shop for teachers

Massive recruitment of teachers in Delhi University and focus on world rankings are myopic moves that are symptomatic of a larger crisis in higher education



THE UNIVERSITY OF Delhi is reportedly set to finish recruitment of more than 5.000 teachers very soon. And no, that astonishing number is not a typographical error. There are about 4,500 vacant positions in the 80 odd colleges under the University and around 850 positions in the faculties of the University. Earlier this year, the Ministry of Human Resource Development, for reasons best known to them, had ordered the University to fill these positions within six months.

There are several reasons for such an astonishing number of vacancies. First, there have been almost no appointments in the last decade or so for reasons which are not entirely academic. In the interim, many teachers have superannuated and their positions have fallen vacant. In addition, the expansion of the enrolment because of OBC reservation increased the number of positions by almost half. Recently, the EWS reservation has added to this pool. Given that the appointment of such a huge number of people will have a profound effect on the teaching and research environment of the colleges, and the faculties, it is important to delve into several aspects of the current lightning drive to recruit.

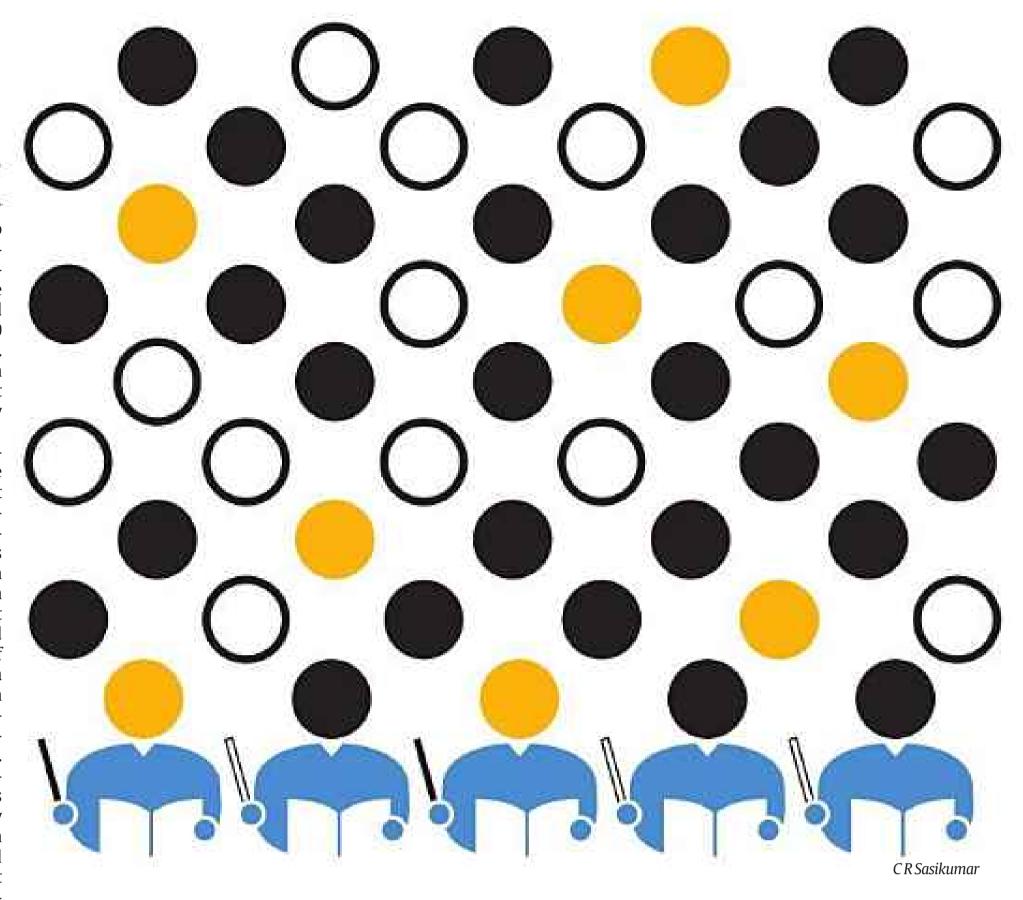
The vast majority of positions in the colleges are already being staffed by teachers who are oddly termed as ad-hoc, though they teach as much, and sometimes, more than the regular faculty. These teachers have all the requisite qualifications for a permanent position but are given appointments from semester to semester. And, for some of them, this has been going on for a decade. The devastating psychological toll that this arrangement takes on the teachers can only be imagined. The situation in the faculties of the University is different — here, by and large, there are no ad-hoc appointments.

The critical issue in this whole exercise is the recruitment process itself. The recruitment is decentralised for the colleges and so in principle, one can conceive that such a huge number of appointments would be done concurrently and thereby could take place in a reasonable amount of time. Further, since most vacant positions already have ad-hoc teachers teaching against them, and these have been deemed to be competent (or else, they would not have been reappointed year after year) and qualified, one can imagine that the colleges would be able to fill the positions.

For the university faculties on the other hand, the recruitment is centralised. The process is as follows: The number of candidates to be called for the interview per vacant post is determined by the UGC and a shortlisting of the applicants is done according to an academically suspect formula which is given by, well, the UGC. Whatever happened to university autonomy is another matter. The selection committee which interviews the candidates and selects them, consists of external experts as well as the Vice Chancellor and the Visitor's nominee, apart

from the head of the concerned department. This might seem like a reasonable process ordinarily — but these are hardly ordinary times. Filling up 850 positions involves interviewing around 10,000 candi-

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guidelines. Assuming even a perfunctory interview lasting 30 minutes, that means a staggering 5,000 hours of interviews. Since these committee meetings cannot be held concurrently, they would have to work for almost a year without a break! One can only imagine the quality of the candidates chosen by overworked and overburdened selection committees.

This elementary mathematical anomaly aside, which seems to have escaped the MHRD, there is a more serious aspect to this farce: No academic institution worth its name ever goes in for such mass recruitments of its teaching faculty. The reason is simple – it is almost impossible that one would be able to find such large numbers of teachers and researchers of excellence at any given instant of time. In addition, in any discipline, new sub-disciplines might emerge in the future which would need specialists. Academically, it makes a lot more sense to stagger appointments over a long period of time, something which institutions like the IITs and IIMs have been doing. The bureaucrats at the MHRD were, obviously, blissfully unaware of the academic consequences of their diktat before issuing it.

The selection itself is done primarily on the basis of the research capabilities of the applicant without any reference to her/his teaching capabilities or inclinations. Generating new knowledge is obviously an integral and important part of the University's function in society. However, only focusing on research is to take a myopic view — good teachers are essential to motivate and train future researchers, and teachers. Thus, one should factor in the applicant's ability to teach as well.

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Of course, it would be difficult and impractical for a selection committee to gauge such capabilities in a short interview. However, this could easily be done by the concerned departments where the candidates could be asked to host a seminar or teach a class, and their peers could rate them on their teaching skills. This assessment could be shared with the selection committee which could then give it due weightage before selecting. Once again, there is nothing particularly revolutionary about this process — the IITs and IIMs have been doing this for years.

For the past few years, we have been witnessing an almost maniacal obsession with the global university rankings amongst our educational policy-making establishment. Sanctioning money for infrastructure, research and human resources are all for the goal of improving our position in these rankings. Unfortunately, what our policy makers and administrators do not realise is that research and teaching are done by humans. Buildings and laboratories are crucial but they are superfluous in the absence of high quality teachers and researchers. The Tuglaqi firmaans to hire on a massive scale in an impossibly short time period might be fine for some other mass sectors, perhaps. But building world-class academic institutions needs patience, some familiarity with how academia works and a willingness to modify straightjacketed processes. If we ignore these self-evident facts, a majority of our institutions will stagnate at best and decay into oblivion at worst.

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Imagining a new India

It's a nation where all citizens have an equal shot at pursuit of their own happiness



ANMEJAYA SINHA

INDULGING ONE OF my hobbies of listening to great speeches, I turned the other day to Martin Luther King's immortal "I have a dream" speech, where he talked of the "fierce urgency of now" to address the tribulations suffered by the "negro seared in the flames of withering injustice". I feel "the tranquilising drug of gradualism" is not good enough to allow Indians a fair chance if we do not address five major crises enveloping India. My own dream for India is one where it has addressed the crises in:

Water: The government has undertaken a multi-faceted mission mode approach that has three parts to it — revitalising rivers and fresh water lakes, harvesting rain water and changing the incentives in agriculture. A nationwide mission has been undertaken to restore our rivers ravaged by widespread encroachment and interference in their natural flows. Measures have been taken to address the colossal scale of sewage polluting the rivers. City sewage systems have been revamped and a big focus has been put on increasing the number and maintenance of sewage treatment plants in every city. At the same time, urgent measures have been taken to ensure rain water is better harvested during the monsoon so that ground water levels are managed up. Indian urban conglomerations that have become like plastic sheets and do not absorb rain water have taken firm steps to address this.

Finally, the plea of Ashok Gulati and others has been heard and agriculture has been freed from misdirected intervention. There has been a stop to the supply of free intermittent power that led to water pumps pulling out and wasting ground water and allowing for perverse cropping patterns to get established. Minimum support prices have been replaced by direct benefit transfers to farmers and the export of water (TN Ninan's evocative phrase for rice and sugar exports from water-starved regions) has stopped. A more sustainable framework for water has led to a palpable increase in ground water and rivers have become cleaner and flow stronger.

Smart cities: One hundred smart cities have come up to absorb the out migration from the rural areas in UP and Bihar. These cities have affordable houses, piped water, power supply and toilets linked to the city sewage systems with well-developed waste sites. The cities minimise travel between residences and work places because work places are in close proximity to residential colonies. All work places have charging stations for electric vehicles and streets are lined with trees and broad walking pavements and cycle lanes. Taxes have been imposed on private car use in city centres to prevent congestion. Public toilets are plentiful as are trash bins so public areas stay clean. Training facilities have been established for training

poorly educated people for low-skill service industries. The population of metros like Mumbai and Delhi are not growing. There are reports of out-migration from large metro aggregations to newer smart cities.

Digital apartheid: All Indians are provided with smartphones and cyber clinics have been funded to encourage ease with a digital environment. Citizen convenience has become a government mantra and most services can be accessed digitally. Services like police verification, getting an election card, obtaining a driving licence, making payments to government can be done remotely and all applications can be submitted through a digital interface. India has also joined the group of cyber-capable nations that can defend the country from cyber attacks and has the capability to inflict damage to other countries in the same way.

Health: All health records in India are digitised and are centrally stored. Privacy laws have been established and patient's records can only be accessed with individual consent. People anywhere in India can call in to centres that deal with common concerns with ease. The primary health centres have all been transformed, digitised and linked to 30 specialist health centres for diagnosis and care. The PHCs are staffed by qualified nurses who engage with specialist's centres by video and advise their patients. Patient visits have reduced and convenience has increased. The district hospitals are not crowded and it is easy to access the specialised hospitals in smart cities.

Education: The government has introduced a school voucher system where municipal schools are run by the private sector. All Indian children are enrolled in school. A strong accreditation council has been set up by government that maintains and publishes school outcomes widely. Parents can use their school vouchers to choose to send their children to schools within five km of their residences. Paid fully, private schools are fully residential and located out of the cities. Teacher training institutes have been set up and all teachers need to spend one week a year learning from each other on teaching methodologies and new course work. The ratio of teachers to students in primary schools has come down from 46 to 25. All schools are equipped with TVs, computers and phones and powered by renewable sources of energy. Digital penetration in education in India has taken off and a variety of models are being used — instructors joining over phone with the material presented via computer, over video conference or just by providing digital access on computers with drop down menus for further inquiry and more advanced learning. Teaching outcomes are better and the productivity of the Indian economy is showing improvement.

Yes, I have a dream that kids will be judged by the "content of their character", not denied opportunities due to the lack of basic services. I dream that as a nation we have realised that "now is the time to make justice for all of God's children" a reality. Yes I have a dream that all Indians have an equal shot at pursuit of their own happiness.

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A hundred small steps

Government should restructure PDS to meet goal of 'one nation, one ration card'

and overburdened

selection committees.

SUBHASHISH BHADRA AND VARAD PANDE

ON INDEPENDENCE DAY this year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for national integration through several "one nation" initiatives such as a singular mobility card, tax regime and electricity grid. One such initiative, "One Nation, One Ration Card", is meant to enable a resident from, say, Darbhanga, to access her food rations in Patna or Mumbai. The Ministry for Food and Public Distribution has commenced pilots between Maharashtra-Gujarat and Andhra-Telangana, and has committed to a national rollout by June 30, 2020.

The Economic Survey 2017 estimated that over nine million Indians change their state every year. For them, the "One Nation, One Ration Card" is a gamechanger because it makes their rations "portable", allowing them to pick up foodgrains from any ration shop in the country. It also benefits nonmigrants by allowing them to transact at better-performing shops locally. This local "choice effect" is extremely popular in Andhra Pradesh, which has introduced such portability within the state since October 2015. A study by researchers at the Indian School of Business (ISB) found that over 25 per cent of Public Distribution System (PDS) beneficiaries in the state now use portability.

However, we must approach this bold vision with utmost caution because PDS is a crucial lifeline for many of the 800 million Indians it reaches. It provides them with at

least 5 kg of grain per person per month, equivalent to 25 per cent of an individual's recommended calorie intake. Even well-intentioned changes that shock the system can therefore have potentially catastrophic outcomes for some. In 2017, it was reported that a 11-year old Dalit girl named Santoshi Kumari from Jharkhand died when her family was unable to access rations in the aftermath of large-scale revisions in the beneficiary list. Over 18 starvation deaths have been reported in the state since September 2017. Such tragedies must be prevented at all costs and we should therefore be cautious while restructuring the program.

We believe that three considerations are important to keep in mind while thinking about the "One Nation, One Ration Card" initiative. First, fundamental processes related to the PDS need to be redesigned to empower every individual. The State of Aadhaar Survey 2017-18 found that nearly 6.5 per cent of PDS beneficiaries in Rajasthan were denied ration because the shopowner claimed to be out of food grain. This translates to over 3.5 million people in Rajasthan alone. A beneficiary has no mechanism to question whether the shop owner is telling the truth or diverting rations. Portability and biometrics will not solve this problem completely.

Portability in Andhra Pradesh does well because it exists in an environment of accountability of ration shops. The state government collects feedback in real time through a mobile-based system. The central government should use this opportunity to make PDS more user-centric. It should track denial of service on a real-time basis through mobile-based surveys. It should commission research on the experiences of particularly vulnerable groups such as the elderly, migrants, disabled and tribals to modify the process where needed. It should enable beneficiaries to track the amount of food at nearby ration shops using their mobile phones.

Second, the operational backbone of the PDS needs to be restructured to promote portability. States should be brought together on a national platform that is based on the same technical standards and can therefore "speak" to each other (what technologists call "interoperability"), so that portability works seamlessly across states. The system should be based on what technologists call "open APIs" so that states can customise the user interface to their local needs, and add features and additional entitlements as they deem fit. The system should enable real time tracking of inventories and rapid response to low stock situations.

Thirdly, while leveraging the power of Aadhaar for PDS, the government should actively address privacy and exclusion risks that the use of Aadhaar and a centralised PDS platform can lead to. In early 2018, the UIDAI in-

troduced privacy protecting features such as virtual ID and tokenisation. However, few actually use them. The government should enable every section of society to understand and use these features through both online and offline methods. The government should also acknowledge that authentication failures will happen in any biometric system. Studies by ISB in multiple states point to a 1-3 per cent failure rate, potentially affecting 8-24 million people at a national scale. To prevent denial of service, the government should ensure availability of non-biometric means of authentication (such as OTP or PIN), as well as manual overrides.

In conclusion, we suggest that the central government adopt a patient path of "a hundred small steps" while implementing this vision. It should start by encouraging all states to roll out within-state portability. This will also increase their operational and technical capacity. In the meantime, it should work on a national technical platform that works for all states. Such a gradual rollout will prevent transition glitches that show up as harmless statistics in reports, but are a matter of life and death for millions in our country. We owe this to Santoshi, and to many others like her.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HEAR THEM OUT

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Being Greta Thunberg (IE, September 25). The young climate change activist deserves all praise for for raising her voice about a serious concern, at a time when governments do not seem to be taking stock of the issue. What worries me is that in India, such voices when raised by young people are increasingly getting suppressed with the tag of "anti-national".

Nikkita Gupta, Tricity

REAL TEST

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'The test ahead' (IE, September 25). The abrogation of Article 370 was the easier part. The real test starts now. While the Government of India cannot be faulted for all the precautions taken in the run up to annulling Jammu and Kashmir's special status, the prolonged continuation of the clampdown indicates its nervousness. With the identity of Kashmiris at stake, there is bound to be a simmering discontent among the local populace. Has New Delhi bitten more than it can chew?

Kamna Chhabra, Gurugram.

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'The test ahead'(IE, September 25). The fact of there being no deaths in the Naya Kashmir can be interpreted in two ways: Either Indian security forces have a upper hand or the terrorists have retreated as a part of their larger strategy. The silence in the Valley could be a lull before the storm. The government must, therefore, lift curbs and restrictions which are affecting the daily

LETTER OF THE WEEK AWARD

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life of people.

Tarsem Singh, Mahilpur

FOR THEIR FUTURE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'A new approach' (IE, September 25). To become more aware about climate change, we must dare to ask ourselves, "Are we going to give our future generation a safe planet to live in?" Let's not hurt the prospects of our coming generation. We need honest commitment to avert climate change rather than just paying lip-service.

Neha Yadav, Lucknow

Facebook will not fact-check the statements politicians post to the site, the social network announced Tuesday ahead of the US 2020 elections, even as it works to discredit false information meant to manipulate public opinion. While the social network relies on third-party fact-checkers to help it discredit viral misinformation, it will stop short of wading into the veracity of political claims.

TOPOFTHE WORLD



Greta Thunberg wins 'alternative Nobel Prize

Stockholm: Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg won the Right Livelihood Award, sometimes called the "alternative Nobel Prize", the jury for the Swedish human rights prize said. Thunberg was honoured "for inspiring and amplifying political demands for urgent climate action reflecting scientific facts," the Right Livelihood Foundation said in a statement. "Her resolve to not put up with the looming climate disaster has inspired millions of peers to also raise their voices and demand immediate climate action," it added. Thunberg's global climate movement began in 2018 when she started sitting alone outside Sweden's Parliament with a sign reading "school strike for the climate".

EGYPT 'Over 1,000 held after protests'

Cairo: Egyptian authorities have arrested more than 1,000 people, two rights groups said Wednesday, in the wake of rare protests last week calling for the ouster of President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi. The Egyptian Centre for Freedoms and Rights said 1,003 had been arrested, while the Egyptian Centre for Economic and Social Rights reported the figure of 1,298 detained. Two prominent academics were also detained on Tuesday, a lawyer and a relative said. Hazem Hosny, a Cairo University political science professor, was arrested on Tuesday night in front of his home, his lawyer Tarek al-Awadi

CHINA

Relatives marry, divorce 23 times

said on Facebook.

Beijing: Eleven Chinese relatives married and divorced each other 23 times within a month to obtain apartments given out by the state, Chinese media reported. The family came up with the scheme after officials offered 40-squaremetre apartments to residents living in an area where homes were demolished. The ploy started when a man named Pan re-married his ex-wife Shi. They decided to tie the knot again because Shi was registered as a resident of the local village. Six days later, they divorced. Shi had obtained his residency permit. Cousins, brothers and sisters got into the act for a total of 23 weddings and divorces.

US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BEGINS INQUIRY

Impeachment cloud: Call shows Trump told Ukraine to probe rival Biden, his son

Trump slams impeachment move as witch hunt; House Speaker says Trump behaviour undermines integrity of US polls

ANDY SULLIVAN & PATRICIA ZENGERLE WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 25

PRESIDENT DONALD Trump pressed Ukraine's President to investigate a political rival, former vice president Joe Biden, in coordination with the US attorney general and his personal lawyer, according to a summary of an explosive July phone call released by the Trump administration on Wednesday.

Setting up a dramatic political showdown that threatens Trump's presidency, House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Tuesday said the Democratic-led chamber was launching an official impeachment inquiry and directed six committees to proceed with investigations of the President's actions.

Democrats have accused Trump, a Republican who is seeking re-election next year, of soliciting Ukraine's help to smear Biden, the front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination, before the 2020 election.

The half-hour July 25 call between Trump and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy occurred after Trump had ordered the US government to freeze nearly \$400 million in American aid to Ukraine. The administration only later released the aid.

According to the administration's summary, Trump told Zelenskiy that Attorney General William Barr, the top US law en-



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- NANCY PELOSI US HOUSE SPEAKER

Giuliani would speak to him about re-opening a Ukrainian investigation into a Ukrainian gas company for which Biden's son Hunter had served as director.

"The other thing, there's a lot of talk about Biden's son, that Biden stopped the prosecution and a lot of people want to find out about that, so whatever you can do with the Attorney General would be great," Trump said, referring to Barr.

In the summary, Trump never explicitly tells the Ukrainian president that the US aid is contingent upon him investigating Biden, but Trump emphasizes the importance of American financial support before pressing him for action on Biden.

Key moments in Trump-Zelenskiy phone call

TRUMP ASKS FOR PROBE INTO BIDENS

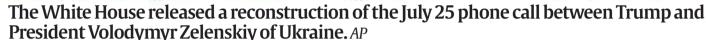
"There's a lot of talk about Biden's son, that Biden stopped the prosecution (in a case regarding a Ukrainian energy company that Biden's son was on the board of in 2015) and a lot of people want to find out about that so whatever you can do with the Attorney General would be great. Biden went around bragging that he stopped the prosecution so if you can look into it ... It sounds horrible to me."

HE REFERS TO US

AID TO UKRAINE "I will say that we do a lot for Ukraine. We spend a lot of effort and a lot of time... the United States has been very, very good to Ukraine. wouldn't say that it's reciprocal, necessarily, because things are happening that are not good."

Trump never actually asked Barr to contact Ukraine, Justice Department spokeswoman Kerri Kupec said, and Barr has not communicated with Ukraine about a possible investigation or any other subject. Barr, a Trump appointee, first found out about the conversation several weeks





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(Here, Trump appears to be

referencing a theory pushed

by his lawyer, Rudy Giuliani,

involvement in emails stolen

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TRUMP SAYS HIS A-G WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH ZELENSKIY

"I would like you to do us a favour though because our country has been through a lot and Ukraine knows a lot about it. I would like you to find out what happened with this whole situation in Ukraine, they say Crowdstrike... The server, they say Ukraine has it... I would like to have the Attorney General call you or your people and I would like

after it took place, Kupec said.

The House inquiry could lead to articles of impeachment in the House that could trigger a trial in the Senate on whether to remove Trump from office.

Pelosi said the notes of the call confirm that Trump engaged in behavior that undermines the

integrity of US elections, the dignity of presidency and American

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UK PM faces hostile Parliament as Brexit chaos deepens

House reconvenes after its suspension ruled unlawful; Johnson returns early from UNGA session

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(Here the President is

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EXPLAINED

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directly with Giuliani, his

personal lawyer and close

ally, while disparaging the

former ambassador from

with the Attorney General.

what's happening and he is

Trump has defended his actions in the Ukraine matter as appropriate and said he exerted no pressure on Kiev involving US aid. Trump denounced the impeachment move on Wednesday as "the single greatest witch hunt in American history." **REUTERS**



Israel President asks Netanyahu to form govt

JEFFREY HELLER

JERUSALEM, SEPTEMBER 25

ISRAEL'S PRESIDENT tasked Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Wednesday with assembling a new government after power-sharing talks with his strongest rival, Benny Gantz, failed

following an inconclusive election. But right-wing Likud party chief Netanyahu, facing a loom ing indictment on corruption allegations he denies, still has no clear path to a fifth term after emerging from the September 17 ballot, the second this year, short

of a parliamentary majority. Accepting the mandate from President Reuven Rivlin at a televised ceremony, a politically weakened Netanyahu said his chances of success were only marginally higher than those of Gantz, a former general who

heads the Blue and White party.

In his remarks, Netanyahu seemed to envision a scenario in which he and Gantz would be able to take another stab at powersharing once it became clear there was no way out of the current deadlock, save for a third election that few in Israel wanted.

"If I don't succeed, I will return the mandate to you and with the help of God and Israel's citizens and yourself, Mr President, we will establish a broad national unity government down the line," he said.

Netanyahu, 69 and Israel's longest-serving leader, will have 28 days to form a coalition. His failure to clinch victory in a ballot in April led to last week's election. **REUTERS**

What next for

Blocking no-deal

Parliament?

THE UK Parliament already passed a Bill that makes Johnson

legally obligated to ask the EU for a Brexit delay if he doesn't get a

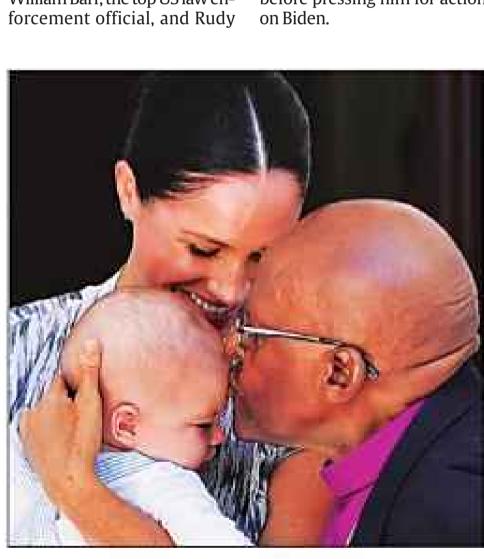
uled to leave the EU. However, ministers have repeatedly refused

withdrawal agreement by October 31, the day the UK is sched-

to answer questions on whether there are loopholes that they

could use to not comply with the legislation. Opposition leader

Jeremy Corbyn met other Opposition figures on Tuesday to work



ARCHIE MEETS ARCHBISHOP

Britain's Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, and her son Archie meet Archbishop Desmond Tutu in Cape Town on Wednesday. Reuters

& WILLIAM JAMES LONDON, SEPTEMBER 25

ELIZABETH PIPER

A DEFIANT Boris Johnson faces Parliament on Wednesday after a Supreme Court ruling that he had unlawfully shut it down, with opponents seeking new ways to block him from taking Britain out of the European Union on Oct. 31 without a deal. After three years of Brexit

crisis and Johnson's tumultuous two-month premiership, it remains unclear when, if or on what terms the United Kingdom will leave the bloc it joined in 1973.

Having lost his majority and a series of votes about Brexit in the House of Commons, Johnson had suspended the legislature for five weeks. But the country's



the House of Commons, Johnson had suspended the **legislature for five weeks.** *Reuters*

top court said on Tuesday he had done so without justification and that the closure was void.

Cutting short a visit to New York, Johnson arrived back in London on Wednesday morning

vened Commons after flatly rejecting calls to resign and insisting that Brexit would take place

on Oct. 31 come what may. In the House of Commons,

and was due to address a recon-

out how they can make sure a no-deal Brexit does not happen. Reconvened Parliament is likely to focus most urgently on this. newly-returned MPs focused their ire on Attorney General Geoffrey Cox, who was forced to

concede that he may have to

make further disclosures about

his advice that the suspension

was legal. "I am bound by the long-standing convention that the views of the law officers are not disclosed outside the government without their consent,' Cox said. **REUTERS**

2 mn children out of school in Yemen: UN Israel arrests Palestinian minister

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

SANAA, SEPTEMBER 25

TWO MILLION children are out of school in war-torn Yemen, a fourth of whom have dropped out since the conflict escalated in March 2015, the UN children's agency said Wednesday.

The education of a further 3.7 million children is at risk as teach-

ages to Eric Brion, a media con-



3.7 million children is at risk, says UNICEF. Reuters

ers' salaries have not been paid in more than two years, UNICEF said. "Violence, displacement and

attacks on schools are preventing many children from accessing school," said Sara Beysolow Nyanti, UNICEF representative in Yemen.

One in five schools in the country can no longer be used as a result of the conflict, the UN agency says. "Children out of school face increased risks of all forms of ex-

ploitation including being forced to join the fighting, child labour

and early marriage," Nyanti said.

"They lose the opportunity to develop and grow in a caring and stimulating environment, ultimately becoming trapped in a life of poverty and hardship."

Tens of thousands of people have been killed since Saudi Arabia and its allies intervened in Yemen in March 2015.

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JERUSALEM, SEPTEMBER 25

ISRAELI POLICE say they have arrested the Palestinian minister of Ierusalem affairs for conducting political activity in east Jerusalem.

Fadi al-Hadami is charged with allegedly breaking a law prohibiting political activity in Jerusalem by the Palestinian

Minister charged under law banning political activity in Jerusalem by **Palestinian Authority**

Authority, which is based in the Israeli-occupied West Bank. Police spokesman Micky

Rosenfled said al-Hadami was de-

Adnan Gheit, is also being sought for the same offense. Palestinian official Adnan Husseini countered that the arrest

tained early Wednesday. The PA-

appointed governor of Jerusalem,

was meant to stop "social and cultural activities." Al-Hadami was last arrested on similar grounds in June. The PA appoints officials for east Jerusalem, captured by Israel in 1967 and later annexed.

SANDRA MULLER HAD ACCUSED A FORMER TV EXECUTIVE OF MAKING HUMILIATING ADVANCES TO HER

Journalist behind France's #MeToo movement loses defamation case

AURELIEN BREEDEN

A COURT in Paris found on Wednesday that the journalist who had started France's equivalent of the #MeToo campaign against sexual harassment defamed a former television executive she had accused of making salacious and humiliating ad-

vances to her. The court ordered the journalist, Sandra Muller, who is based in New York, to pay 15,000 euros, or about \$16,500, in dam-

sultant and former executive at the public broadcaster France PARIS, SEPTEMBER 25 Télévisions and the horse-racing channel Equidia. She was also ordered to pay €5,000, about \$5,500, to cover his legal fees, and remove Twitter posts mentioning Brion. "She surpassed the acceptable limits of freedom of expres-

> scended into a personal attack," the court said in its ruling. Muller started #BalanceTonPorc, #ExposeYourPig, in 2017 with a

sion, as her comments de-

series of Twitter posts recounting her experiences with Brion. She said that during a social event at a television festival in Cannes, on the French Riviera, Brion told her: "You have big breasts. You are my type of woman. I will make you orgasm all night."

In her posts, she also encouraged women to speak out against sexual harassment, and tens of thousands of them adopted the #BalanceTonPorc hashtag, spurring a wider discussion on gender relations and sexual norms in France. Unlike many of the other women who



named the man she was accus-

Months after Muller's

ing of harassment.

Sandra

comments, but said that Muller

French

journalist

her lawyer. AF Twitter posts, Brion sued for

Muller with

defamation. He never denied making inappropriate and crude

had been wrong to characterize them as sexual harassment and to tie his case to that of Harvey Weinstein, the Hollywood mogul accused by multiple women of decades of abuse, including rape. Brion argued that his com-

ments had been made once and under the influence of alcohol, and added that he had apologised soon afterward. He also stressed that although he knew Muller professionally — she works for an online news site that covers the media — they did not work together.

The court in Paris agreed with Brion, ruling that Muller lacked a sufficient "factual basis" to accuse him of sexual harassment and that she had failed to show "caution" in her posts on Twitter, using the term "pig," tying Brion to Weinstein and exposing him to "social reprobation."

Muller called the verdict "disappointing" and "incomprehensible." She and her lawyer said they would appeal, which temporarily suspends the fines and other court orders. "This ruling takes nothing

away from the fact that women

lawyer's office in Paris. "I will continue to fight on these issues every day.' In 2017, Time magazine named Muller as one of the "si-

are now speaking freely, that

you need to continue to speak,

that you need to continue to re-

port reprehensible acts, what-

ever they are," Muller said at a

news conference held at her

lence breakers," the women who had come forward to accuse powerful men of sexual harassment and assault, in choosing them collectively as Person of the Year. **NYT**

ECONOMY



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SECTOR WATCH **PHARMACEUTICAL**

GSK recalls Zinetac amid concerns over cancer-causing contaminants

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 25

PHARMACEUTICAL FIRM GSK on Wednesday said it was voluntarily recalling several batches of its popular acidity medicine 'Zinetac' as a "precautionary" measure while regulators around the world investigated the drug, known as ranitidine, for potential cancer-causing contaminants. This includes recalls of batches of its brand from the Indian market, the firm said.

Ranitidine, a medicine that decreases stomach acid production, had a market size of Rs 688.6 crore in India and Zinetac was the second largest brand in this segment as of August 2019, according to AIOCD Awacs PharmaTrac.

Other popular ranitidine brands sold here include Aciloc by Cadila Pharmaceuticals, Rantac and Rantac-OD by IB Chemicals, Zydus Cadila's R-Loc and Torrent Pharmaceuticals' Ranitin. It is unclear whether the other firms are considering similar measures. GSK's announcement comes on the heels of a letter by India's apex drug regulator, the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI), to state regulators asking them to direct manufacturers of ranitidine's active ingredients to "verify their products" and

"take appropriate measures". The issue was first flagged earlier this month by the US Food and Drug Administration (USFDA), which stated in a release on September 13 that some ranitidine medicines contained "low levels" of an environmental contaminant known as 'NDMA'. This contaminant, found in water and foods, is the same impurity the US regulator was investigating in blood pressure drugs valsar-

tan and losartan last year. While the US FDA had called for recalls of batches of valsartan and losartan due to "unacceptable" levels of NDMA, it has not raised a similar alarm over the NDMA content in ranitidine, which it is still investigating. Yet, GSK and Dr Reddy's Laboratories have announced voluntary suspension of sales of their ranitidine brand and active pharmaceu-

tical ingredient, respectively. This is a precaution as investigations into whether the contamination is harmful for patients are still ongoing. In

US FDA in a release on Sept 13 said that some ranitidine medicines contained "low levels" of environmental contaminant 'NDMA'

the US this week, Sandoz voluntarily recalled "all quantities and lots" of its ranitidine capsules because of "confirmed contamination" with NDMA "above levels established by the FDA" in the product.

"Based on the information received and correspondence with regulatory authorities GSK made the decision to suspend the release, distribution and supply of all dose forms of ranitidine hydrochloride products to all markets, including India, as a precautionary action pending the outcome of ongoing tests and investigations,' stated a GSK spokesperson.

GSK's Zinetac is manufactured using APIs by two Hyderabad-headquartered firms — Saraca Laboratories Ltd and SMS Lifesciences India Ltd. An API is the key ingredient that gives a medicine its therapeutic effect.

"Subsequently, Saraca Laboratories Ltd were notified by the European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines that its certificate of suitability for ranitidine hydrochloride has been suspended with immediate effect," stated GSK.

"Based on the information provided above and as a precautionary action, GSK has made the decision to initiate a voluntary recall (pharmacv/retail level recall) of Zinetac Tablets 150 mg and 300 mg products manufactured in India using API sourced from Saraca Laboratories Ltd," the spokesperson said, adding that Zinetac manufactured using API from SMS "will not be recalled from the market at this point of time."

At the same, GSK plans to keep "all such products" on hold, which means they will not be released to the market while the company awaits the test results. "GSK is continuing with investigations into the potential source of the NDMA. These investigations include continued engagement with our API suppliers. Patient safety remains our utmost priority and we are taking this issue very seriously."

TOP FIVE RANITIDINE BRANDS IN INDIA

Brand	Company	Market Size (in Rs cr*)
Aciloc	Cadila Pharmaceuticals	244.70
Zinetac	GSK	209.10
Rantac	JB Chemicals	153.10
R-Loc	Zydus Cadila	28.40
Ranitin	Torrent Pharmaceuticals	12.40

*Moving Annual Turnover for the 12 months ended August 2019

503.62-POINT FALL AFTER RECENT RECORD RUN

Sensex drops on profit-booking, global concerns; banks, auto tank

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 25

AFTER THE 2,900-point recordbreaking rally since September 20, the BSE Sensex on Wednesday plunged 504 points as investors booked profits even as global equities took a hit over geopolitical uncertainties and growth concerns. The 30-share Sensex, which plummeted 586 points during the day, ended 503.62 points, or 1.29 per cent, lower at 38,593.52. The broader NSE Nifty plunged 148 points, or 1.28 per cent, to 11,440.20.

Investors who made decent gains after the surprise reduction in corporate tax on Friday, were eager to book profit after the recent rally, leading to heavy selling pressure in bank, finance and auto counters. "Investors had lapped up many stocks which will benefit from the corporate tax cut. Short sellers had also covered their positions," said a dealer.

On the other, global markets wobbled after top US Democrat Nancy Pelosi announced opening of a formal impeachment inquiry into President Donald Trump. This has ratcheted up political uncertainties at a time when equities are already bearing the brunt of Middle East

EXPLAINED Markets now eyeing rate cut by Reserve **Bank in October** THE MARKET is in a profit-booking mode after the big rally

in the wake of the cut in corporate tax last week. Moreover, the move to impeach US President Donald Trump and the US-China trade war also added to the selling pressure. Investors are awaiting the RBI decision in the forthcoming monetary policy and the impact of the corporate tax cut on corporates.

tensions and weak global growth signals, analysts said. Further, Trump put China on notice at the United Nations, declaring that the time of trade "abuses" by Beijing was "over" and calling on the country to protect Hong Kong's "democratic ways of life".

Vinod Nair, head of research, Geojit Financial Services, said, "political uproar in the US to impeach president Trump led to selloff in global market... this seems to be a short-term reaction. Fresh NPA issues, weak September auto sales and monthly expiry prompted investors to book profit post the sharp upside since the last Friday. Bond yields are inching

higher anticipating fiscal tightness, while government is planning higher divestment to ease the situation."

Moreover, ADB sharply cut India's growth forecast to 6.5 per cent for 2019-20 from 7.2 per cent estimated earlier, though it indicated that the country would grow faster than

Ajit Mishra, vice president, research, Religare Broking, "we remain cautious on the markets as it is hovering around its peak levels and some consolidation can be expected in the near term. From medium to longterm perspective, the outcome of the RBI monetary policy and revival in corporate earnings

will be crucial... this is likely to dictate further market trend. On the global front, geo-political developments between US-Iran would be on investor's radar, as well as any further escalation of US-China trade war would have an adverse impact on overall markets and economy."

SBI, Tata Motors, Maruti, Yes

Bank, M&M, HDFC, ITC, Vedanta, Hero MotoCorp, Tata Steel and L&T lost up to 7.37 per cent. On the other hand, PowerGrid, TCS, NTPC, HCL Tech, Tech Mahindra and RIL rallied up to 4.39 per cent. Sectorally, BSE auto, realty, metal, capital goods, bankex, finance, industrials and telecom indices declined up to 3.84 per cent. However, power, utilities, IT and teck spurted up to 1.05 per cent higher. Broader BSE midcap and smallcap indices fell up to 1.76 per cent.

Meanwhile, the Indian rupee on Wednesday dipped 3 paise to close at 71.04 against the US dollar amid rising demand for the greenback vis-avis other currencies overseas even as crude oil prices eased.

Forex traders said a weak trend in domestic equities, political unrest in the US and unabated foreign fund outflows also weighed on the local currency.

DAY AFTER CURBS ON PMC BANK

RBI, govt refute rumours on bank closures

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 25

REFUTING RUMOURS going around in the social media about the closure of some public sector banks, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the government on Wednesday said no commercial banks are going to be shut and the reports "are false".

"Reports appearing in some sections of social media about the RBI closing down certain commercial banks are false," the RBI said in a Twitter message on Wednesday.

Finance Secretary Rajiv Kumar said such rumours are "mischievous" in nature as there is no question of closing public sector banks, on which people have a lot of faith. He pointed out that the government is instead strengthening state-run banks with reforms in capital infusion. "There are mischievous rumours on Social Media(picture below) about @RBI closing some banks. No question of closing any #PSB, which are articles of faith. Rather Govt is strengthening PSBs with reforms and infusion of capital to better

serve its customers," he tweeted. The RBI and the government swiftly rebutted the rumours a day after the regulator imposed restrictions on Punjab and

Earlier in the day, the social media was flooded with rumours of bank closures. "Nine banks will be closed permanently by Reserve Bank of India. If anybody having transactions in it please withdraw

Maharashtra Co-operative Bank

it. The names of the banks are Corporation Bank, UCO Bank, IDBI, Bank of Maharashtra, Andhra Bank, Indian Overseas Bank Central Bank of India, Dena Bank and United Bank of India. 9 banks going to be close if u guys have any account in this banks so please immediately safe ur cash and forward this msg to all. Order by Supreme Court (Sic)," reads the fake message.

However, most of the banks named in the message are those that have been either merged with other banks or are in the process of being merged. Last month, the government had announced that 10 public sector banks would be merged into four bigger banks. The RBI had on Tuesday slapped restrictions on PMC Bank, a co-operative bank headquartered in Mumbai, for various irregularities. The RBI has appointed JB Bhoria as administrator of PMC Bank who is expected to take appropriate measures to bring the bank back on the rails. The 14-member board of the bank headed by Waryam Singh has been superseded.

'Ongoing global uncertainties dampen Aug M&A activity'

Corporate India's merger and acquisition activity moderated in August with 23 deals worth \$845 million, the second lowest monthly deal volume to date amid ongoing global uncertainties, according to Grant Thornton's monthly M&A Dealtracker

36% decline in terms of number of deals and 49% fall in value terms in August 2019 due to the prevailing economic uncertainties

36 deals worth \$1,660 million in August 2018

August 2019 witnessed only one deal valued over \$500



million and one deal valued over \$100 million

Domestic transactions were primarily themed around acquisition of stressed assets to strengthen market leadership position, divestment consequent to global transaction, compliance with competition commission requirements in India and investments in technology products to improve market offerings and efficiency

287 transactions worth \$22,855 million registered in the first eight months of this year, while in the corresponding period of the last year there were 318 deals worth \$75,408 million

The largest deal during August was seen in the energy and natural resources sector, with the Adani-GMR deal valued at \$512 million, followed by Air Water's acquisition of Linde India in the manufacturing sector

Contrary to the previous month, August was dominated by deals in the IT and ITeS sector, pushed by consolidation in the software development and IT solutions segment. The start-up sector remained active after the IT sector with five deals worth \$25 million

Govt reconstitutes **Economic Advisory** Council to the PM

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 25

THE GOVERNMENT Wednesday reconstituted the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister(EAC-PM) under existing Chairman Bibek Debroy, for a period of two years.

While Ashima Goel of Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research continues to be one of the two part-time members, Sajjid Chinoy, Chief India economist at J.P. Morgan, has been brought in as the new member in the Council. Ratan P Watal will continue as Member Secretary of the EAC-PM. The government has dropped economists Rathin Roy and Shamika Ravi as part time members of the Council.

Ravi, Director of Research at Brookings India, has been critical of government's approach towards tackling the economic slowdown. "We are faced with a structural slowdown. Urgently need to follow a #NationalGrowthStrategy with time bound goals for many ministries. Need major reforms, not mere tinkering. Leaving economy to the finance ministry is like leaving the growth of a firm to its accounts department," Ravi said in a tweet on August 22. India's GDP growth fell to a 25-quarter low of 5 per cent in April-June quarter.

Last week, the Centre announced a major structural reform by cutting corporate tax rate to 22 per cent from 30 per cent — costing a total of Rs 1.45 lakh crore annually — to address the slowdown and to promote private investWhile Sajjid Chinoy has been roped in as a member, economists Rathin Roy and Shamika Ravi have been dropped as part time members

ment in the economy. She also questioned Centre's latest move to ban e-cigarettes. "Why ban when you can tax (heavily)? Banning #ecigarettes while keeping tobacco products is bizarre. Neither health nor fiscal grounds for this decision, so what's the logic?," Ravi said in a tweet on September 18.

Roy, Director at National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, has also been vocal about the slowdown facing the Indian economy for many months, and argued the need for PUSHING structural reforms instead of fiscal stimulus. "Muddled macro, asserting slowdown cyclical then arguing for sector, admin reforms, relative price distortion fixes — all measures to fix structural problems. Easy macro policy absent structural change can temporarily boost growth. That's not countercyclical. That's populist," he said in atweet on August 21. The EAC-PM advises Prime Minister Narendra Modi on macroeconomic issues and other matters referred to it by Modi. So far it has not made its suggestions made to PM on economic matters public. The Council submitted papers on issues including employment, macroeconomic situation and growth to the Prime

Minister's Office.

REVIVING DEMAND

Maruti Suzuki cuts prices of select models by ₹5K

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 25

MARUTI SUZUKI India on Wednesday reduced the prices of select models by Rs 5,000 (on exshowroom prices). These models include all variants of Alto 800. Alto K10, Swift Diesel, Celerio, Baleno Diesel, Ignis, Dzire Diesel, Tour S Diesel, Vitara Brezza and S-Cross, MSI said in a statement.

These models are priced in the range of Rs 2.93 lakh and Rs 11.49 lakh. The new prices will be applicable from Wednesday across the country.

Analysts believe that manufacturers need to give higher discounts, as the demand is weak in the first phase of the festive season

This reduction of price will be over and above the current promotional offers for the company's vehicle range, it added.

The company said it is optimistic that the price reduction will bring down the cost of acquisition, especially for the entry-level customers. "This announcement around the festive season will help boost customer sentiment and revive the market to create demand," MSI said.

The company's price reduction comes days after the government cut corporate tax last week with an aim to help industry overcome slowdown.

Analysts believe that manufacturers need to give higher discounts to bring the inventory under control, which is still higher than normal, as the demand is weak in the first phase of the fes-

tive season. "OEMs will have to discount aggressively and reduce dispatches to bring inventory under control, with implications for H2FY20 earnings. OEMs could choose to pass the corporate tax cut benefit to customers, but this would imply only a 1-2 per cent additional discount," analysts at lefferies noted.

While it is expected that other manufacturers will also cut prices marginally to pent up demand and remain competitive, Hyundai Motor India, Tata Motors and Toyota denied any such move immediately, saying price cuts are not on the cards, so far. **FE&PTI**

FE BEST BANKS AWARDS

Winners who took challenges in their stride



SHOBHANA SUBRAMANIAN MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 25

EVEN WHEN it seems like things are not going well, there are those players who take the challenges in their stride and forge ahead. This was true for the banking industry in 2017-18, a particularly The FE Best Banks jury found

there were some outstanding performances which deserved recognition. HDFC Bank's impeccable financials and strong growth across all metrics ensured it walked away with the honours in the private sector bank category. Indian Bank's reasonably good financials as also the strategy of focusing on deposit growth while diversifying its loan portfolio won it the award in the PSU bank category. HSBC was adjudged the winner among foreign lenders for turning in a good performance across areas. Equitas Small Finance Bank was at the top of the jury's list of SFBs with the lender having leveraged its branch network to build a diversified loan

portfolio. With its stellar perform-

ance across virtually all metrics -

Associate Partners







other facilities ensured it outclassed the products of other lenders. Kotak Mahindra Bank won the award for the best savings bank product - for the second straight year. With an interest rate of 6 per cent, the bank's savings

Axis Bank, which has two fintech subsidiaries, was declared the

deposits have grown at a com-

pounded 38-40 per cent over the

vear in a row. A substantial chunk of the lender's MSME and personal loans are sourced online and the lender aims to completely digitalise such loans in 18 months. The year 2017-18 was annus

mirabilis for NPCI with the launch of BHIM and the on-boarding of Google Pay and PayTM. Later in August, the UPI.2 was launched. For the stunning success of UPI, NPCI, the jury felt merited an award. Among the fintechs, RazorPay, CreditVidya, LoanFrame and Acko General Insurance were chosen for the initiatives they had taken in their respective areas and for the promise they held out Sanjiv Bajaj, MD & CEO, Bajaj Finserv, will take home the Banker of the Year award, while Romesh Sobti, MD and CEO, IndusInd Bank, will be honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Georgieva named IMF MD

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 25

Source: AIOCD Awacs PharmaTrac

THE INTERNATIONAL Monetary Fund on Wednesday formally selected Kristalina Georgieva of Bulgaria to be only the second woman ever to lead the 189member institution.

The selection had been all but guaranteed after the global crisis lender said earlier this month that Georgieva, a former World Bank CEO, was the sole candidate.

In acknowledging her selection, Georgieva spoke of tempestuous times for the global economy. "It is a huge responsibility to be at the helm of the IMF at a time when global economic growth continues to disappoint, trade tensions persist, and debt is at historically high levels," she said in a

"This means also dealing with



Former World Bank CEO

issues like inequalities, climate risks and rapid technological change." She is to take up her position as managing director on October 1, replacing Christine Lagarde, who is set to take over the European Central Bank later this year. Georgieva's rise perpetuates Europe's long-standing control over the designation of the fund's

She inherits the helm of an institution buffeted by the rise of populism in advanced economies and escalating trade conflicts -the largest of which has been driven by the United States, the fund's single biggest shareholder.

Georgieva, who was championed by Paris, overcame a challenge within the divided European Union from Germany which had backed former Dutch Finance Minister Jeroen Dijsselbloem. Under an unwritten rule, a European has led the IMF since its creation in the aftermath of World War II while the leader of the fund's sister organisation, the World Bank, has been designated by Washington.

David Malpass, a former US Treasury official who took office earlier this year as president of the World Bank, likewise faced no opposition.

tough time.

loan growth, profitability and balance sheet quality - Bajaj Finance was the undisputed winner in the NBFC category. This was the second time the company bagged the top award in the segment.

CreditAccess Grameen was picked as the runner-up for its sound financials — capital adequacy and leverage. State Bank of India walked away with the award for the best home loan product long tenors, the lowest rate and

last seven years. best digital bank for the second

ECONOMY

ADB trims India forecast to 6.5% from 7.2% for FY20

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI. SEPTEMBER 25

THE ASIAN Development Bank (ADB) on Wednesday sharply lowered India's growth forecast from 7.2 per cent to 6.5 per cent for the current fiscal, though it has indicated that the country will grow faster than China.

The multi-lateral lending agency in its Asian Development Outlook (ADO) Update for 2019 cut the growth projection for India, which recorded an over sixyear low growth of 5 per cent in April-June quarter this fiscal.

"India's growth forecast for fiscal year 2019 is lowered to 6.5 per cent after growth slowed markedly to 5 per cent in the first quarter, April-June, Abrupt declines in manufacturing and investment reflect uncertainty ahead of elections, subdued lending by banks and other financial institutions, stress in the rural economy, and a weakening external outlook," the agency said.

However, India is expected to rebound to 7.2 per cent growth in fiscal 2021 and join most other sub-regional countries in per-

industry AGR

falls 10.18%

in 2018: Trai

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 25

THE ADJUSTED gross revenue

(AGR) of the telecom industry de-

clined 10.18 per cent in 2018 to Rs

1.44 lakh crore, compared with Rs

charges (SUC) were down by 17.74

per cent to Rs 4,186 crore, against

Rs 5,089 crore last year. The li-

cence fee was down 10.29 per

cent to Rs 11,641 crore, compared

nessed a fall in AGR for access

services except Reliance Jio, which

saw an over three-folds growth.

The access service AGR for

Reliance Jio stood at Rs 31,097

crore for 2018, against Rs 7,466

Iio has become the top opera-

tor in access services. Bharti

Airtel's access service AGR stood

at Rs 26,971 crore for 2018, com-

pared with Rs 36,922 crore last

year. Vodafone saw its access serv-

ice AGR decline to Rs 24,173 crore,

against Rs 26,308 crore while

Idea's number decreased to Rs

7,777 crore from Rs 22,616 crore.

Vodafone and Idea were merged

All the mobile operators wit-

Similarly, spectrum usage

1.60 lakh crore in 2017.

to Rs 12,976 crore.

crore in 2017.

in 2018. **FE**

Telecom

forming at or near their ADO 2019 growth forecasts for next year, it added.

The Manila-headquartered funding agency had projected India's economy to expand at 7.2 per cent in its ADO for 2019-20 released earlier in April this year and cut it down to 7 per cent in the supplement to the ADO in July.

As regards China, ADB has projected that growth will slip from 6.6 per cent last year to 6.2 per cent in 2019, and 6 per cent in 2020 — below previous projections — with increased government spending and a strong housing market partly offsetting the impact of the trade dispute with the US and sluggish manufacturing investment.

"In Hong Kong, China, recent political tensions, spill-over from the trade conflict, and the global electronics downturn will slow growth in 2019 and 2020 well below ADO 2019 projections," it said further. On South Asian growth projections, the ADO Update said the growth momentum has softened in the region.

"Growth forecasts are lowered to 6.2 per cent for 2019 and 6.7 per cent for 2020," it said.

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 25

IN ORDER to bring uniformity

and consistency in valuation,

market regulator Sebi has asked

mutual fund houses to follow

waterfall" approach for the val-

uation of money market and

traded securities would be valued

on the basis of traded yields, sub-

ject to identification of outlier

trades by the valuation agencies.

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lating to valuation of inter-

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will be classified as "below in-

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Adopt 'waterfall'

approach for money

mkt, Sebi tells MFs

INSOLVENCY PROCEEDINGS

Disburse ₹63 cr in 15 days, NCLT tells Jet creditors

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 25

THE NATIONAL Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) on Wednesday directed the financial creditors of Jet Airways to disburse Rs 63 crore worth of interim funds in 15 days. The interim funding was approved by the members of the committee of creditors (CoC) of Jet Airways on July 19 to safeguard the airline's assets and run the insolvency process.

Passing an oral order, a twomember Mumbai Bench of the tribunal noted that the resolution professional (RP) is facing " tremendous hardship" due to unavailability of funds. Judge VP Singh said, "It is per-

tinent to mention that the RP is duty bound to maintain the corporate debtor (Jet Airways) as a going concern." The CoC had on July 19 ap-

proved providing Rs 63 crore as interim funding towards preserving Jet's aircraft and other assets, and to

Under this approach,

all traded securities

will be valued on the

basis of traded yields

default" grade by a CRA. In the

case of default, mutual funds

will have to promptly inform to

the valuation agencies and the

CRAs any instance of non-re-

ceipt of payment of interest and/

or principal amount (part or full)

In a circular issued on

Tuesday, Securities and Exchange

Board of India (Sebi) said, "for ar-

riving at security-level pricing, a

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ket parlance, is an open-ended

mutual fund which invests in

short-term debt securities like

treasury bills and commercial pa-

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The CoC had on July 19 approved providing ₹63 crore as interim funding towards preserving Jet's aircraft and other assets

cover the day-to-day expenses of the insolvency proceedings.

State Bank of India (SBI) is the only lender which has disbursed Rs 10 crore for the same so far. The RP's counsel informed the bench that, of the approved amount, only around Rs 26 crore has been sanctioned so far by lenders, including HDFC and ICICI Bank.

Earlier this month, the RP's counsel told the bench that the corporate insolvency proceedings of the airline could come to a " grinding halt" due to dearth of funds. The bench directed financial creditors, including Indian Overseas Bank and Axis Bank, that are yet to sanction any disbursal to "do so immediately".

Jet Airways, which has been grounded for over five months now, was admitted for insolvency

Regulator

relaxes FPI

regulations

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 25

EASING THE regulatory frame-

work for foreign portfolio in-

vestors, Sebi has simplified KYC

requirements for them and per-

mitted them to carry out off-mar-

broad-based the classification for

foreign portfolio investors (FPIs)

and simplified their registration

the board of Sebi in August ap-

proved a proposal to simplify the

been redrafted based on the rec-

ommendation of a committee

headed by former RBI deputy gov-

FPIs would be classified into two

categories instead of three. At

present, Sebi has classified FPIs

into three categories with the eas-

ier compliance norms for

Category-I FPIs and the strictest

for Category-III FPIs. The most

well-regulated FPIs come under

would come into force with im-

mediate effect, said Sebi.

The new FPI regulations

Under the new framework,

regulatory norms for FPIs.

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Category-I.

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process.

on June 20. While passing the insolvency order, the Mumbai Bench of the NCLT observed that Jet Airways was a matter of " national importance" and directed the RP to "make every possible effort to complete the corporate insolvency process at the earliest possible time".

The Synergy Group, a significant stakeholder in the Columbian Avianca Airlines, is currently the only party participating in the resolution of Jet Airways. The RP aims to present a final resolution plan for the airline for NCLT's approval by October 28. According to the latest update, creditors have filed claims worth Rs 30,907 crore with the grounded airline. Of these, the RP has so far admitted claims worth Rs 14,054 crore. **FE**

14.24 lakh jobs created in July, as against 12.49 lakh in June: ESIC payroll data The report showed that

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI. SEPTEMBER 25

AROUND 14.24 lakh jobs were created in July, higher than 12.49 lakh in the previous month, according to a latest payroll data from the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC). Gross enrolments of new

subscribers with the ESIC were 1.49 crore during 2018-19, National Statistical Office (NSO) said in a report. It also showed that during September 2017 to July 2019, around 2.83 crore new subscribers joined the ESI The NSO report is based on

the payroll data of new subscribers of various social security schemes run by the ESIC, retirement fund body EPFO and the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).

It has been releasing the payroll data or new subscribers data of these three bodies since April, 2018, covering a period starting from September 2017.

gross new enrolments with the ESIC during September 2017 to March 2018 were 83.34 lakh. A net of 11.61 lakh new enrolments with the Employees' **Provident Fund Organisation** (EPFO) were recorded in July, as compared to 10.75 lakh in June this year.

During 2018-19, 61.12 lakh new subscribers on a net basis joined the social security schemes run by the EPFO. Similarly, the net new enrolments were 15.52 lakh during September 2017 to March 2018. It showed that during September 2017 to July 2019; around 2.65 crore new subscribers joined the EPF scheme.

The report said that since the number of subscribers are from various sources, there are elements of overlap and the estimates are not additive.

The NSO said the present report gives different perspectives on the levels of employment in the formal sector and does not measure employment at a holistic level.

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Price band of **IRCTCIPOset** at₹315-320

Mumbai: IRCTC on Wednesday said it is looking to raise up to Rs 645 crore through an IPO. The price band is fixed at Rs 315 to Rs 320 per equity share. **PTI**

No credit card discounts at petrol pumps

New Delhi: From October 1, credit card payments to buy fuel at petrol pumps will not get a 0.75 per cent discount that state-owned oil firms had introduced earlier. PTI

Strike-hit Coal India's output falls by 57%

New Delhi: A strike by Coal India workers led to an output loss of 57 per cent on Tuesday, an official said. PTI

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New Delhi: Ford has said it is engaged with Mahindra & Mahindra for cooperation to achieve "commercial, manufacturing and business efficiencies" in India. **PTI**

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New York: Oil prices dropped about 2 per cent on Wednesday, logging a second straight day of losses after US crude inventories PTI

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termined to take India back to 8-9 per cent growth and the real challenge is to sustain that growth, NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant said.PTI

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An aerial view of the new Beijing Daxing International Airport. The image was made from a CCTV video taken on September 17. AP

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■ Shaped like a phoenix, the airport was designed by

■ It boasts of 4 runways and is

famed Iragi-born architect Zaha Hadid.

Sachin Bansal buys NBFC CRIDS in

₹739-crore deal; to take over as CEO

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New Delhi: To help startups move from the Innovators Growth Platform of stock exchanges to the main board, Sebi has come out with a new set of framework to allow them to shift after one year to regular

The framework comes after Sebi's board in August approved a detailed set of norms for startups' listing.

Sebi, in a notification issued on Monday, provided companies listed on the Innovators Growth Platform (IGP) pursuant to an initial public offer "an option to trade under the regular category of the main board of the stock exchange." PTI

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ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI. SEPTEMBER 25

SACHIN BANSAL has acquired Chaitanya **Intermediation Development** Services (CRIDS), a non-bank-

ing finance company (NBFC) in a Rs 739-crore deal. Following the investment, Bansal will assume the role of CRIDS CEO.

Co-founders Samit Shetty and Anand Rao will continue in their role as executive directors, adding to the growth of existing business segments. Bansal will provide additional support to create further impetus to business growth, he said in a Founded in 2012, CRIDS

provides financial services to low- and middle-income families which lack access to formal banking through its whollyowned subsidiary Chaitanya India Fin Credit. Currently operating in five states, the Bengaluru-based NBFC provides two-wheeler loans, housing, small business and education loans.

"This acquisition is our entry into financial services," said Sachin Bansal. " Samit and Anand have built a great company that provides muchneeded financial access to people who don't have access to

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other formal finance. I look forward to working closely with Samit and Anand and building further on the solid work they have done." There will be no 'significant change in management', according to the state-

Bansal, who co-founded Flipkart, sold his 5.5 per cent stake in the e-commerce firm to Walmart last year for an estimated \$800 million. In December, Bansal had registered his holding company BAC Acquisitions for making investments and starting new businesses. Former investment banker Ankit Agarwal is also a director of the firm. **FE**

MFs grant more time to Essel for loan repayment

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 25

THE SUBHASH Chandra-led Essel Group on Wednesday said mutual funds from which it has borrowed money have " unanimously" decided to grant it more time for repayments.

In a statement that comes amid reports of a few fund houses selling their holdings in the company ahead of the September 30 deadline, the group did not specify the mutual funds which have supported it, or the amount due.

The MFs had an outstanding of over Rs 11,000 crore from Esse Group and had done the unprecedented in granting it more time to repay even in the face of massive corrections in the share prices of Zee Entertainment Enterprises, their core security.

Boeing settles first Lion Air lawsuits for \$1.2 mn apiece

REUTERS CHICAGO/JAKARTA, SEPTEMBER 25

BOEING CO has settled the first claims stemming from the crash of a Lion Air 737 MAX in Indonesia, a US plaintiffs' lawyer said, and three other sources said that families of those killed will receive at least \$1.2 million apiece. Floyd Wisner of Wisner Law

Firm said he has settled 11 of his 17 claims against Boeing on behalf of families who lost their relatives when a brand-new MAX crashed into the Java Sea on Oct. 29 soon after take-off, killing all 189 aboard.

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CLIMATE AND AGRICULTURE

Wet Woes

Too much of rains have spelt disaster for farmers in the country's soyabean bowl

MILIND GHATWAI

SEHORE (MP), SEPTEMBER 25

STANDING IN ankle-deep water engulfing his field, Kamal Singh Dhangar takes a wild shot at the likely yield from the soyabean crop that practically lies in ruins behind him.

"Ek bora, do bora mushkil (one bag, two bags with difficulty)," notes the 58-year old with a wry smile, minutes after a fresh spell of rains has lashed Guradiya Sirajuddin village in Ashta tehsil of Madhya Pradesh's (MP) Sehore district. While the same threeacre plot had given nearly 16 quintals of soyabean last year, Dhangar this time isn't sure he can even afford labourers to harvest the negligible produce staring in his face. He draws solace only from his not being alone. Most farmers in Guradiya Sirajuddin as well as neighbouring villages have reported widespread damage to their already matured standing crop.

Gulab Singh, who owns 10 acres not far from Dhangar's field, is ruing his decision to have taken an additional six acres of land on lease for cultivating soyabean and wheat this year. "I have paid the owner Rs 1.5 lakh. By now, this soyabean crop should have been ready for taking to Ashta mandi (agriculture produce market at the tehsil town, about 10 km away). But my shauk (expensive pursuit) has proved costly," remarks the 60-year-old, who, too, cannot enter his field without wading through water almost touching the knees.

Seated at the edge of his flooded field a few hundred meters away, Dev Singh, a sprightly octogenarian, cannot remember the year when the monsoon rains caused such late-stage havoc. "I may have been this big," he says, pointing to a man many decades younger to him.

Western MP, in which Sehore falls, has received 1,335.4 millimeters of average rainfall from June 1 to September 25, 58% more than the region's historical normal of 845.3 mm for this period. However, the real story lies in the month-wise figures. In June, the opening month of the southwest monsoon season, the rains were actually 25.6% below the long-period average. In July, they were 31.2% above average. That surplus rose to 63.6% in August, while a whopping 158% more so far this month, confirming Dev Singh's observation. Worse, there's little respite, with more rains predicted over the next few days.

The monsoon has taken its toll mainly on soyabean. According to the Union agriculture ministry's data, a total area of 113.449 lakh hectares (lh) has been planted under this leguminous oilseed in the current kharif season, with the bulk of it accounted for by MP (55.16 lh), Maharashtra (39.595 lh) and Rajasthan (10.608 lh). Within MP, the main soyabean-growing districts are Ujjain, Dewas, Indore, Dhar, Ratlam, Mandsaur, Rajgarh, Shajapur, Sehore and Vidisha. The crop in low-lying areas is the one that has been worst affected.

"Farmers who had sown early-maturity (80-90 days duration) varieties such as JS 9560 and JS 2034 just after mid-June will take the biggest hit. Their crop would already have matured; the longer it remains in the field, the more the chances of the grain rotting. Also, these farmers will not be able to save this grain for using as seed next



(Below) Octogenarian farmer Dev Singh and (above) Kamal Singh Dhangar at his waterlogged soyabean field in Goradiya Sirajuddin village of Madhya Pradesh's Sehore district. Milind Ghatwai



year," admits V S Bhatia, director of the Indian Institute of Soyabean Research at

On the other hand, longer-duration varieties maturing in 95-105 days, like JS 20-69, NRC 86 and JS 97-52, are unlikely to suffer major yield loss, as their grain is not fully ripe yet for harvesting. Moreover, since the rains were poor in June, much of sowing anyway took place in July, thereby further reducing the likelihood of damage. "The vegetative growth and pod formation has been very good. As of now, the overall loss may be 10-15% and the areas where the crop is still good should compensate for those badly impacted," adds Bhatia.

The Soyabean Processors Association of India (SOPA), on August 30, reported that water-logging from continuous rains in MP had led to crop damage in "some low lying areas". But there was "no widespread and excessive damage" and any such reports were "either motivated or put forth without verification," the Indore-based association had said, based on its own quick crop

survey assessment. "Of course, there is damage to the crop in parts of MP, but I cannot at this moment tell how much. There is also too much unnecessary speculation in the market. At the same time, the Maharashtra crop is excellent," claims D N Pathak, executive director

of SOPA, which is planning to undertake a fresh survey whose report, though, will be ready only by October 10.

This relatively sanguine prognosis is countered by Kedar Sirohi, working president of the ruling Congress party's Kisan cell. According to him, almost 60% of the crop in the Malwa-Nimad-Bhopal belt that produces over three-fourths of MP's soyabean has been affected. Incessant rains and the black soils of Malwa-Nimad, which tend to hold water, have resulted in the plants not even growing to full height. The 90-day varieties have not merely matured, but the pods have even started to germinate.

Meanwhile, the average modal price of soyabean in the Ujjain mandi has risen from Rs 3,576 to Rs 3,970 per quintal since the start of this month. The current rates are above the minimum support price of Rs 3,710 declared by the Narendra Modi government for the 2019-20 kharif season.

But all this only cold comfort for Santosh Yadav, 38. He, like other farmers in Lachhirampura village in Ashta, is awaiting clear dry skies for a few days to salvage whatever is left of his crop. With the fields soggy and flooded, using combine harvesters is out of question. That could well mean harvesting labourers raising their rates from Rs 300 to Rs 500 per day. "I have borrowed money from a trader, which has to be repaid once my crop is harvested. Now, that it has nearly failed, he is likely to tell me to simply eat less," states Yadav half in jest.

An unequal burden

Farmers are paying about Rs 15,000 crore GST annually, on which they cannot claim input tax credit

HARISH DAMODARAN

AGRICULTURE IS a unique business that not only has high production as well as price risk, but also one where everything is bought retail and sold wholesale. This reality, moreover, extends even to Goods and Services Tax (GST): Farmers are the only businessmen today who cannot claim input tax credit (ITC) on the sales they make.

Bhagirath Choudhary, founder-director of the New Delhi-based South Asia Biotechnology Centre, was recently shocked to pay 18% GST on pheromone traps and lures that are used by farmers to attract insect pests. "These are required for monitoring and trapping of adult male moths to prevent mating and laying of eggs by the females. We advise spraying of chemical pesticides only as a last resort, when the number of moths caught exceeds a certain threshold level" says the 45year-old, whose agri-technology dissemination organisation claims to have reached out to nearly 15,000 maize farmers across India and distributed 2,500 traps-cum-lures as part of an educational programme to control the dreaded fall armyworm pest.

But 18% GST is levied not just on traps and dispensers impregnated with synthesised mimics of sex-attractants released by female insects. Even regular agro-chemicals/pesticides and safety kits (eyewear, masks and gloves) necessary to spray these attract this duty. The GST rates are slightly lower, at 5-12%, for botanical and biological insecticides such as Azadirachtin, Nomuraea rileyi, Metarhizium anisopliae and nuclear polyhedrosis virus formulations, which are also used at very early stages of infestation.

"When I first bought 50 traps and an equal number of lures containing pheromones, the bill

Rs 2,540. Only after checking the invoice did I discover that it included a GST amount of Rs 387.46. That made me curious and find out more. As it turned out, there is GST on every farm input, barring seed and animal/poultry feed. Even on government-subsidised fertilisers, you have to pay 5% GST," notes Choudhary, who is himself the son of a farmer from Dudiyon Ki Dhani, a hamlet in Bilara tehsil of Rajasthan's Jodhpur district.

The problem, however, is not with GST per se. The real issue is that for the GST paid on the purchase of any input - whether fertiliser, pesticide, pheromone trap, tractor, drip/sprinkler irrigation systems or other agri equipment - the farmer has no means to using it for reducing his tax liability. This is not just because most farmers are ignorant about ITC/GST and cannot afford to hire the services of chartered accountants. The actual reason is simply that all farm produce attract zero GST. Hence, there's no way a farmer can claim credit to the extent of GST paid on purchases when he makes a sale.

"It's one thing for the farmer to pay GST on soap, toothpaste, biscuit, television or two-wheeler, which are all final consumption items. But when he buys fertiliser or pesticide, these are being used for growing crops, not consumption. The farmer's inability to set off the taxes paid on inputs employed in the production process violates the letter and spirit of GST. In every other business, the goods used as intermediates are eligible for ITC. The same basic foundational principle ought to be extended to farm inputs," points out Choudhary.

The right way to address this anomaly, ac-



WHAT FARMERS PAY GST Rate (%) **Fertilisers Botanicals/biologicals** 5-12 **Tractors & combines** 12 12 **Pumps** Drip/Sprinkler systems 12 Farm implements 12 **Pesticides** 18 18 Pheromone traps/lures Pesticide safety kits 18

cording to him, is by exempting all farm inputs from GST. Farmers can, in theory, reap the benefits of ITC if their produce is also brought under GST. But doing that would impose unnecessary procedural burden, similar to what lakhs of micro, small and medium enterprises have already experienced post GST.

"Agro-chemical companies and tractor makers don't mind paying GST. In fact, they want this, in order to be able to claim credit for the GST paid on active ingredient, packaging material or components. But why is only the farmer now being forced to shell out taxes on which there is no set-off facility? The government should exempt at least recurrently used farm inputs from GST and device a mechanism for refunding manufacturers on the taxes paid by them, which will otherwise be loaded on to the farmer," he adds.

Choudhary has estimated the GST paid by farmers on crop protection chemicals alone at 18% on a market size of Rs 16,628 crore in 2018-19, comprising insecticides (Rs 8,273 crore), fungicides (Rs 4,464 crore) and herbicides (Rs 3,891 crore) — at Rs 2,536.5 crore. The maximum retail price value of fertilisers sold in 2018-19 was, likewise, roughly Rs 75,000 crore, inclusive of a 5% GST component of Rs 3,750 crore. The annual market size of tractors is Rs 42,000 crore, taking sales of 7 lakh units at an average MRP of Rs 6 lakh, in which the 12% GST comes to Rs 4,500 crore.

"If you add all other inputs — including electric/diesel pump-sets, micro-irrigation systems and agri implements (even Happy Seeders touted as a solution to the problem of paddy stubble burning attract 12% rate!) – the total GST being paid by farmers, on which they cannot claim ITC, would probably cross Rs 15,000 crore," reckons Chaudhary.

That's quite a substantial set-off not happening, about which few farm leaders or politicians claiming to have agrarian background are even aware.

ALTERNATIVE AGRICULTURE

Natural farming's time has come, seize the moment

Consumers today are willing to pay for organic produce. What is required is a policy framework to enable farmers to cater to this market



PVSSURYAKUMAR

A FEW months back, I was at an artisanal products exhibition, where there was a stall showcasing organic leather bags. A buyer marvelled: "Wow, we have organic leather too?" The stallperson's response was, "Sir, this is from animals that were fed only natural grass and organic oil-cakes when alive".

One may call the above a marketing stunt or even exploitation of sentiment, but the point is consumers, including in India, are increasingly looking for food and non-food agricultural products that are free of chemicals. There are versions of farming without chemicals: From Rudolf Steiner's Biodynamic Agriculture, Masanobu Fukuoka's One Straw Revolution and Miguel Altieri's Agro-ecology, to the latest Subhash Palekar's Zero Budget Natural Farming (ZBNF). All have a common philosophy — farming based on using natural inputs, treating the soil as a living entity, promoting biological diversity and protecting the health of our ecosystem. These will, in turn, reflect on human wellbeing and the food that we eat. Palekar's ZBNF runs on four "wheels":

Jiwamrita (a microbial culture of dung and urine from indigenous cow species, jaggery, pulses flour, bund soil and water), Bijamrita (a seed treatment solution with almost the same ingredients), Mulching (covering the topsoil with dried leaves and straw for moisture conservation and proper aeration) and Waaphasa (providing water outside the plant's canopy). These four elements will ensure that the crop receives enough nutrients through the action of living microorganisms in the soil, in addition to the water, carbon dioxide, nitrogen and solar energy for photosynthesis that come "free" from the monsoon rains, air and sun. ZBNF also advocates insect and pest management through decoction sprays of Agniastra, Bramhastra and *Neemastra*, which are made using *desi* cow urine, tobacco and leaves/pulp of neem, datura, garlic, papaya and pomegranate.

Whatever name they go by, natural farming approaches are now finding acceptance even from governments. Sikkim claims to have become India's first fully organic state. Andhra Pradesh has established Rythu Sadhikara Samstha, a not-for-profit company that aims at extending the reach of ZBNF to all six million farmers of the state by 2023-24. The ultimate endorsement for ZBNF has, of course, come from the Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's 2019-20 budget speech and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's own address at the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification on September 9.

While agricultural scientists may dismiss

ZBNF as "unproven" technology, there is a clear market, nevertheless, emerging even in India for products from natural farming. A recent Assocham-EY study has estimated the size of this market to touch Rs 10,000-12,000 crore by 2020. It is also a fact that the cost of chemical fertilisers, pesticides and energy used in conventional agriculture has skyrocketed in recent times, even as crop realisations for farmers have plummeted. This, along with the growing consumer preference for organic products, has opened up possibilities for natural farming. If consumers are prepared to pay more for

organic produce, the challenge lies in enabling farmers to adopt ZBNF and other such agricultural practices. Our scientific establishment has not shown much interest in these, which may partly have to do with legacy issues: Most of the agricultural universities in India are based on the US Land Grant Colleges model and they came up largely during the Green Revolution period. That explains why whenever any discussions on natural farming take place, the immediate reaction from scientists is that our soils don't have enough nitrogen, phosphorus or potash and we cannot feed our population without chemical fertilisers. Many even belittle organic models as NGO-driven, despite the Indian Council of Agricultural Research recently starting a National Organic Farming Research Institute at Tadong in Sikkim. Scientists also haven't accepted the System of Rice Intensification (SRI), a technique of cultivating paddy in soil that is kept moist



An organic tomato farm at a village in East Sikkim. Partha Paul

rather inundated with water. Through early and careful transplanting of 10-12-day-old seedlings, alongside wider spacing, SRI results in far more number of tillers per plant than

from growing in knee-deep water. What can policymakers do to making organic agriculture viable, especially for 85% of India's farmers who have less than onehectare holding?

To start with, they should recognise that India is a vast country with many agro-climatic zones, crops and, within that, myriad varieties, some high yielding and some local cultivars. While our policy focus earlier was to increase production, the emphasis now should be on what is an optimal model for each of these zones, crops, varieties and even

different classes of farmers. Equally important to note is that each model — be it natural farming or growing high-yielding varieties/hybrids responsive to application of chemical inputs — has prerequisites. The organic models, including SRI, are more fastidious and labour-intensive, as they work at restoring ecosystems.

Secondly, there should be no discrimination against natural farming through extension of subsidy only on chemical fertilisers. Let all farmers be entitled to a fixed sum of money per acre, which they can use either to buy chemical-based inputs or engage the extra labour required for organic agricultural operations. One criticism against ZBNF is that it doesn't factor in the labour required for main-

taining indigenous cows (which yield less milk), collecting their dung and urine, and making the various *Jiwamrita*, *Bijamrita* or Neemastra concoctions. We forget that urea di-ammonium phosphate or Rynaxypyr insecticide are all made in factories and delivered to farmers in practically ready-to-use form. How can farmers be motivated to practice organic agriculture when the basic input in this case — labour — has an opportunity cost? The least policy can do is to make agricultural subsidies/incentives technology-agnostic, so that farmers can freely choose between organic and non-organic.

Third, just as there are firms manufacturing fertilisers, crop protection chemicals and hybrid seeds, why not have enterprises that produce and sell organic inputs? This would make it viable for farmers to use these inputs directly, apart from helping create a new industry that will produce them in accordance with minimum quality standards. The government can further provide support to institutions providing training to farmers in organic agriculture, which is both labour as well as knowledge-intensive.

Finally, there can be no better time for a communication campaign targeting farmers and consumers on the benefits of organic. Remember what the National Egg Coordination Committee's 'Sunday ho ya Monday, roz khao ande' ad jingles in the nineties did for our poultry industry? When the national mood is slowly moving towards natural farming, it offers a perfect moment to launch a surgical strike.

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SMALL ISLANDS AND CLIMATE DIPLOMACY

Nothing so concentrates the mind

Small islands are on the front line of climate change. Yet many still face extinction

WHEN HURRICANE DORIAN rolled across the Abaco islands on September 1st, packing winds of 300kph (185mph) and bringing sea surges of nearly eight metres (26 feet), it was as powerful as any Atlantic storm ever to have hit land. The destruction it wrought was devastating, the death toll said to be "staggering". Dorian's ravages have drawn attention to the vulnerability of small islands. It is, laments James Cameron, head of the ODI, a development think-tank, "a vision of the future".

The fear is that climbing global temperatures will bring more extreme storms and rising sea levels which threaten the very existence of small island states and low-lying coastal regions. They are vulnerable not only to violent weather but also to loss of livelihoods as farmers and fishermen feel the effects of warming. Eventually whole islands may be submerged. More than half of the territory of the Maldives is less than a metre above sea level. "We are most impacted and we are continuously leading the way by example, advocating and persuading others to increase ambition on addressing climate change," says Thilmeeza Hussain, the Maldives' ambassador to the UN.

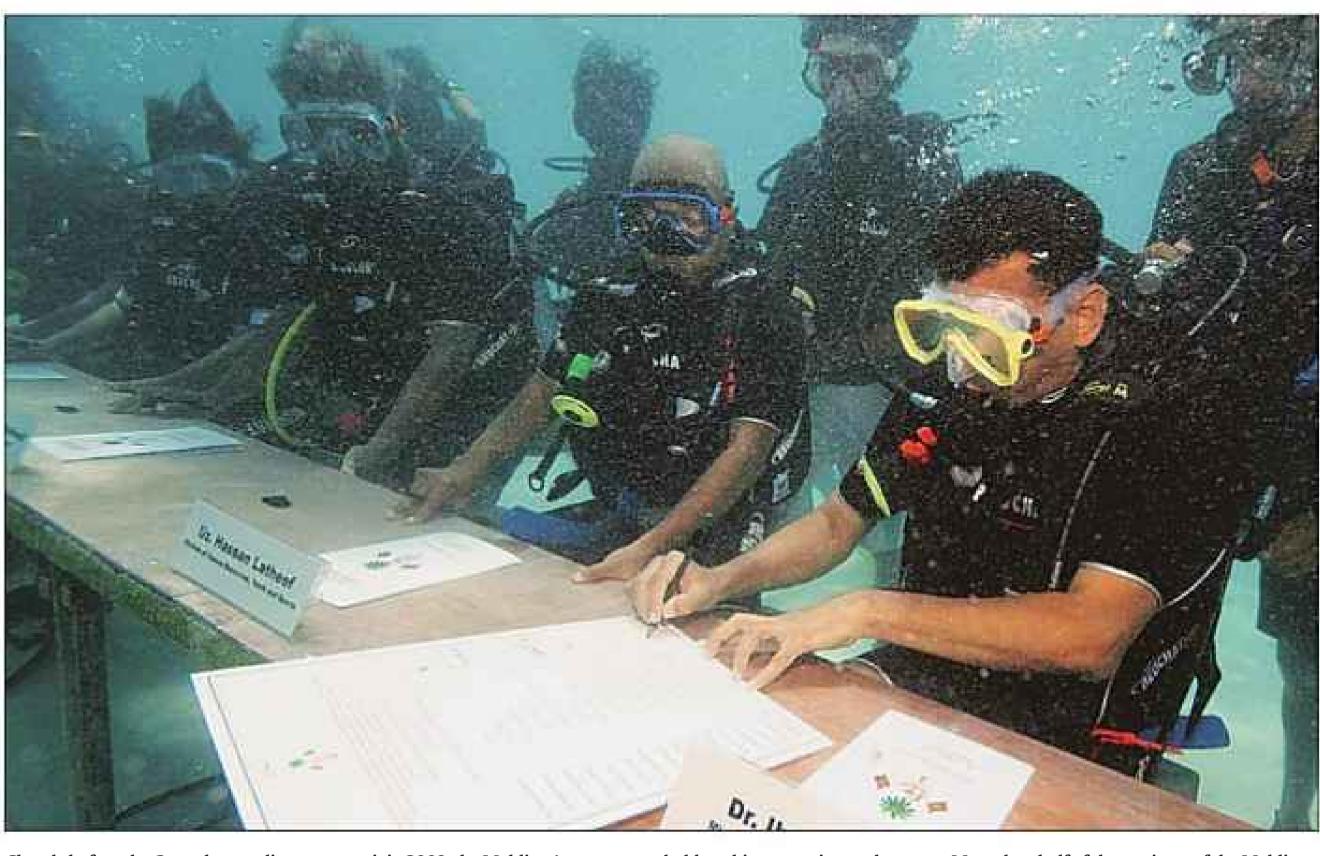
Small island developing states (SIDS) account for less than 1% of the world's GDP, territory, population and greenhouse-gas emissions. On most issues their voice barely registers on the world stage. Yet on climate matters they have, over three decades, become an effective lobby.

Mr Cameron was one of a small group of young British lawyers who helped them come together. In 1988 he wrote a legal opinion for Greenpeace on whether the United States could be taken to the International Court of Justice for its failure to act on climate change. He concluded that such a case would be hard to bring as America would refuse jurisdiction for it, but that the arguments for state responsibility based on the evidence could and should be made in an international treaty. Along with the most affected states, he and others pushed for one. This led to the formation in 1990 of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS).

By the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 Mr Cameron had his treaty—the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. AOSIS had grown to more than three dozen members and gained recognition as representing a distinct set of interests. Today, its 39 full members and five observers are spread across three regions (the Caribbean, the Pacific and a group straddling the African, Indian and South China seas) and include some low-lying coastal countries, such as Belize and Guvana. Individually, they have limited means: when Fiji presided over the annual global climate gathering in 2017 it had to be held in Bonn. But their collective influence has been big.

"AOSIS put the climate crisis on the map, way before anyone else was taking it seriously," says Mark Lynas, a writer and adviser to the Maldives' government. Island states were the first to feel the impact of rising sea levels. They risked being drowned by richer nations' carbon emissions—and they told those countries so. "They've been incredibly successful in changing the tone and influencing policy," says

They have managed to get wording included in climate accords that addresses their specific concerns—on losses and damages from climate change, for example, or on their need for financial support to adapt to it. In the



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Paris agreement of 2015 the inclusion of an aspiration to restrain global warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels (going beyond the target of 2°C) was "almost entirely down to SIDS and other developing states", according to Mr Lynas. More generally, the island states have offered an example of getting organised and pushing for international collaboration, in an area where joint action is the only way to make a difference.

On September 27th a whole day is to be devoted to the SIDS towards the end of the UN General Assembly in New York. Leaders will review progress of the SAMOA Pathway (short for SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action Pathway), a blueprint for sustainable development which happened to emerge from a summit in Samoa in 2014.

Why the outsized impact? The SIDS have three things going for them. One is focus: survival concentrates the mind. Ms Hussain, of the Maldives, estimates she spends 70-80% of her time on climate-change and sustainabledevelopment issues.

Second, their moral argument packs a punch. The islanders have been skilled at pointing to the peril they face, with catchphrases such as "Save Tuvalu, save the world" and "1.5 to stay alive". Shortly before the Copenhagen climate summit in 2009, the Maldives' government held a cabinet meeting under water.

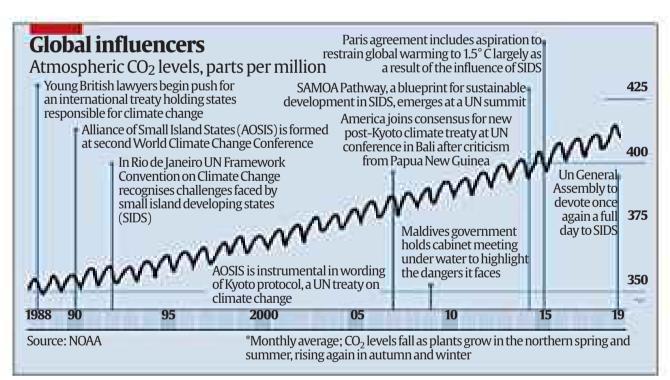
Island leaders do not mince their words.

Take the recent summit of the Pacific Islands Forum in Tuvalu. Australia, one of the group's 18 members, insisted on removing references to coal in the final declaration and on softening the language. Tuvalu's prime minister, Enele Sopoaga, chided his Australian counterpart, Scott Morrison: "You are concerned about saving your economy in Australia...I am concerned about saving my people in Tuvalu." Mr Sopoaga reported that during the meeting Tonga's prime minister, Akilisi Pohiva (who died this month), "actually cried".

Third, crucially, the SIDS have strength in

numbers. Together, they are about a third of all developing countries and a fifth of UN members. That gives them ample speaking time and voting power in the UN.

Kevin Conrad, who became an activist after seeing beaches disappearing at home in Papua New Guinea and now heads the Coalition for Rainforest Nations, recalls the drama of the Montreal climate summit in 2005. More than 20 countries spoke in support of greater efforts to reduce greenhousegas emissions that America was resisting. The momentum worked: "Building broad coali-



tions is what wins," he says.

Mr Conrad was involved in more drama two years later, at the UN climate conference in Bali. Once again, America was holding out against the consensus, this time for a plan for a new climate treaty. Speaking as Papua New Guinea's representative, Mr Conrad addressed the United States: "We seek your leadership, but if for some reason you're not willing to lead, leave it to the rest of us; please, get out of the way." He was cheered. In a moment that has gone down in climate-diplomacy lore, America soon announced it would join the consensus.

There is no chance of a similar moment at the UN secretary-general's Climate Action Summit in New York on September 23rd. President Donald Trump is not about to reverse his decision to take America out of the Paris agreement. But the island states are still hoping to make a splash in New York next week, and have put together a "SIDS package" to be presented there.

For a start, they want to highlight the need to heed the warnings from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) on what is required to limit global warming to 1.5°C. In a report published last October the IPCC stressed the difference in terms of impact between capping warming at 1.5°C and letting it rise to 2°C; drastic action would be needed over the next decade to have any hope of achieving this. The islanders are

calling for scaled-up ambition. They hope to see the bigger carbon-emitters publicly accepting the IPCC's report.

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They also want to show how bold action can be taken. "SIDS have absolutely nothing to do with this mess that we're in with climate change, we have contributed the least, and yet we want to proceed by example," says Lois Young, the UN ambassador of Belize, which this year took over from the Maldives as chair of AOSIS. They aspire to shift to 100% renewable energy and map a path to carbon neutrality. The Marshall Islands have led the way in submitting a plan to become carbon-neutral by 2050.

No island is an island

Such plans are costly, as is investment needed in things like reinforced harbours and desalination plants to adapt to the climate changes the island states are already seeing. So mobilising finance is another priority. The SIDS complain that the money pledged to date is inadequate and often tied up in red tape. In New York, they want chunky commitments from big countries.

Impressive as their diplomatic efforts have been, however, the island states face further struggles. Keeping the world's attention is not easy. Belize has been scrambling to persuade world leaders to attend the SIDS day on September 27th. Climate outrage has spread, and other groups of countries have piled in. For the island states the broadening of climate concern is welcome but means their own leaders are less often the go-to spokespeople.

AOSIS remains largely united in its message and strategy. But its members are affected by climate change in different ways so divisions can arise. Advisers who push for climate radicalism and those who give priority to getting things done for development do not always see eye to eye.

Nor is it clear that the island states are winning the diplomatic fight. Apparent victories in public forums can get beaten back in subsequent bureaucratic battles. As the spat with Australia in Tuvalu shows, and as arguments ahead of next week's review of the SAMOA Pathway also suggest, the island states still find themselves having to argue over language that reflects the scale of action needed.

Above all, the threat has not gone away. In the long term, extinction still beckons since the world has done far too little to curb greenhouse-gas emissions. "Adaptation can only go so far when your nation is going under water,' says Mr Lynas of the atoll countries. If the mora case does not work, some say, it is time for a new strategy, for example embracing radical technologies such as climate engineering.

Failing that, for some small island states the future may involve negotiating with countries that can offer higher land to move their people to, or trying to defend rights over territorial waters whose boundaries were drawn based on land that has become submerged AOSIS could find itself back where it beganwith lawyers.

Hence the urgency in the run-up to the sessions in New York next week. At stake is the islands' future—and much more. According to Janine Felson, Ms Young's deputy and Belize's technical lead for AOSIS, "we have a very small window of opportunity to make a very big

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CHAGUAN

An atheist party gets religion

China's atheist Communist Party encourages folk religion

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THERE ARE several ways to gauge whether the Communist Party of China approves of an institution. A brass nameplate, issued by an arm of the party or state, is one sign. A stamp for endorsing important materials can be used as a further badge of respectability. But the best test of approved status, arguably, is the issuing of lots of paperwork. Somewhat surprisingly, a Ming dynasty temple hidden up an alleyway off Shipu harbour, one of eastern China's largest fishing ports, passes all these tests. An incense-scented haven of red wood-

work and worn grey flag-

stones, the temple is dedicated to Mazu, a tenth-century maiden who miraculously saved relatives from a shipwreck and later became a goddess. Older residents remember when the temple risked destruction as a den of feudal superstition. During the Cultural Revolution of 1966-76,

when sacred sites were razed by Maoist zealots and countless priests and monks were harried to death, the temple became a primary school. Red Guards tried to ransack the place, says Han Sulian, a temple volunteer. But locals "threatened to beat them up so they backed off", she recalls with pride. Sailors never stopped believing in Mazu, adds Ms Han. They would wear incense pouches as secret talismans when they left Shipu to hunt eels and yellow croaker in the East China Sea.

Today, fishermen need not hide their prayers. Chaguan visited the temple on September 16th, hours before party bigwigs and other officials arrived. They were in Shipu to open a new fishing season, ending a ban imposed on May 1st to allow exhausted stocks a chance of recovery. A brass plate on the temple's weathered façade shows it is licensed by the Ethnic and Religious Affairs Committee of Zhejiang province. Inside, new banners in embroidered yellow satin lie on the altar, ready

for marking in red ink with the temple's stamp, before being flown from boats' masts. Paperwork, in the form of stacks of prayer slips, combines belief and bureaucracy. A slip bears the hull numbers of two ships, their skippers' names and handwritten appeals for the boats to encounter calm seas and return with full holds.

Crews will burn their slips before leaving Shipu, a pretty harbour surrounded by steep wooded hills. Meanwhile local women busy themselves sorting bottles of wine, left over from a fishermen's banquet the night before. That open-air feast, overseen by beaming officials and filmed by state television, culminated in a waterborne procession of illuminated trawlers. The boats carried statues of Mazu and other deities past tourists on the harbourside, glow-

ing smartphone cameras held aloft. The party remains officially atheist. Though formal tolerance of five faiths—Buddhism, Daoism, Islam and two strands of Christianity, Protestantism and Catholicism—was reinstated in 1982, six years after the death of Mao Zedong, rules have tightened under President Xi Jinping. He has called for the "sinicisation" of religion. In plainer language this means that all beliefs must in the end bow to a worldlier credo. involving party-ordained patriotism and family values. Organs of state repression have targeted Muslims accused of excessive piety, particularly in the western region of Xinjiang, where hundreds of thousands of Muslims, mostly from the Uighur minority, have been detained in re-education camps. Tibetan Buddhists live in a surveillance state largely closed to foreigners. Even in prosperous Zhejiang, officials have ordered crosses that are too prominent to be torn off hundreds of Christian churches, and shut down unofficial "house churches". In contrast certain forms of faith are encouraged, especially those with roots in China and big followings among overseas Chinese. Mazu-worship fits that bill. Over the centuries migrants from China's maritime provinces have built temples to the goddess, also known as Tianhou, from Macau to Malaysia and Melbourne. Helpfully, Mazu worship is classed as a folk belief and not as a religion, notes Zhou Jinyan of the China Mazu Cultural Exchange Association, a semi-official body. That allows for looser regulation and for the faith's promotion for economic and political ends.



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Mazu has a big following in Taiwan. In 2011 Mr Xi urged officials to "make full use" of Mazu to woo Taiwanese, most of whom have ancestral ties with the mainland. Taiwanese money built a gaudy new temple to Ruyi, a sister deity of Mazu's, on a hill above Shipu. A lot of it came from relatives of the late "Blacky" Ko Sau Leung, a popular crooner and stuntman known for jumping the Yellow River in a sports car. Ko was among thousands of Zhejiang folk who were evacuated to Nationalist-held Taiwan in 1955 when the offshore islands they called home were overrun by Communist forces, some years after China's civil war. Many settled in the Taiwanese port of Fugang, nicknamed "little Shipu". Fugang believers are honoured

guests at Shipu's fishing festival, bustling about in T-shirts reading "Goddess of the Sea".

For those in peril on the sea

Grand ceremonies for Mazu were unknown 40 years ago when Zhou Quanyang, the owner of a 150-tonne fishing boat, was a boy, and China a much poorer place, "It's when your belly is full and you have some money, that's when you pray," says Mr Zhou. Every fisherman has faith in Mazu, he says, as the town's 2,800 vessels are readied for the fishing season. His own daughter, a university student, does not believe, he adds. This prompts unexpected sympathy from Chaguan's minder, an official from the local county propaganda office listening to the exchange. With a father in such a dangerous line of work, that daughter "should probably believe more, and pray for her dad", the minder exclaims.

Mazu has competition, revealed by the Chinese characters for "Emmanuel" discreetly painted on a few ships putting to sea. Perhaps 100 boats are Christian-owned, claims Peter, a local Protestant. Party leaders see Christianity as a foreign intruder, he laments. That is why they promote folk religion and "cultural confidence". Yet the fishing life calls for deeper faith, Peter argues: the ocean reminds man how small he is in the face of nature.

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YOU'VE GOT GLOBE

Veteran actor Tom Hanks will be conferred with the Cecil B deMille honour at the 77th Golden Globe Awards in January. Hanks will join the list of past recipients — Meryl Streep, George Clooney and Oprah Winfrey awarded for their impact in the world of entertainment.

Painting an Artist of Non-Violence

Three leading artists on how their work is influenced by Gandhi and his philosophy



POOJA PILLAI

READING GANDHI is both exasperating and elevating. You wonder if such a man really did exist," observed Gulammohammed Sheikh, at India International Centre in New Delhi last week. Sheikh was speaking at the event 'After Gandhi: Three Painters', organised by Raza Foundation as part of the series of monthly talks on and around Mahatma Gandhi to commemorate his 150th birth anniversary. Sheikh, along with artists Atul Dodiya and Riyas Komu, spoke about the influence that Gandhi has had on his art, directly or indirectly.

For the Vadodara-based artist, it wasn't a simple matter of making Gandhi's portrait. His struggle, Sheikh said, was to "retrieve Gandhi from his busts and statues, from postage stamps and rupee notes". To understand the leader, Sheikh had to read his words. He found himself asking what Gandhi would have done if he were alive today. "Skeptics say that he would have been assassinated at the first instance of facing violence with his ahimsa," said Sheikh. The contrast between the current state of the nation and the ideals and values that Gandhi had espoused, as well as his vision for independent India, began to find expression in Sheikh's art, such as the digital collage print, Ark (1996). Based on a well-known work, A Boat Adrift on a River, by the 18th century Pahari painter Nainsukh. Sheikh depicted a collection of figures of different faiths, sitting in the centre of the boat, while at one end sat Kabir and at the other sat Gandhi — guiding lights to lead a

country riven with divisions. Komu, similarly, spoke about finding ways to depict Gandhi by speculating what he would have made of the country as it is today. Komu sees in Gandhi many qualities that would be useful today. "He had the ability to distance himself," said



Dhamma Swaraj by Riyas Komu (top); The Painful Resolution by **Atul Dodiya**

Komu, adding that in politics today, the room for such reflection has shrunk. "Gandhi has been flipped today, into an image of cleansing of the historic past," he said. In his own work, such as the oilon-canvas triptych Dhamma Swaraj (2018), Komu has also celebrated Gandhi as a champion of the subaltern, along with figures such as BR Ambedkar and Karl Marx.

Of the three artists, Dodiya has perhaps engaged with Gandhi and Gandhian ideals the most, with about 200 works. From realistic works, made mostly with watercolors, Dodiya eventually moved to abstract depictions of the gulf between Gandhian ideals and India's reality, such as the 'Tearscape' series. His artistic engagement began in 1997, with the work Lamentation. One half of the canvas depicts Gandhi's figure retreating into the distance, and the other depicts Picasso's First Steps (1943) — a gesture towards a nation that was moving forward even as it was retreating from values past values. Scattered around the canvas are the lamenting angels of the proto-Renaissance Florentine artist, Giotto di Bondone. "I didn't know what I could do with Gandhi, but then I read his description of himself as 'an artist of non-violence'. I was reassured. I knew how I could approach an artist in my work," he said.

Nature Calling

ITALIAN DESIGNER Maria Grazia Chiuri

opened the Paris Fashion Week with Dior's Spring-Summer 2020 show inspired by gardens and forests. Chiuri,

Dior's creative head, celebrated nature

in its myriad forms by seeking inspira-

tion in the legacy of Christian Dior's sis-

ter Catherine — the first female whole-

saler from Paris. With gardening jackets

and dresses embroidered with wild-

flowers, nature served as the central

theme for the prints as well as the styling

of the models, who walked the ramp

surrounded by 164 trees from nurseries

in Italy, Germany and France. The hair-

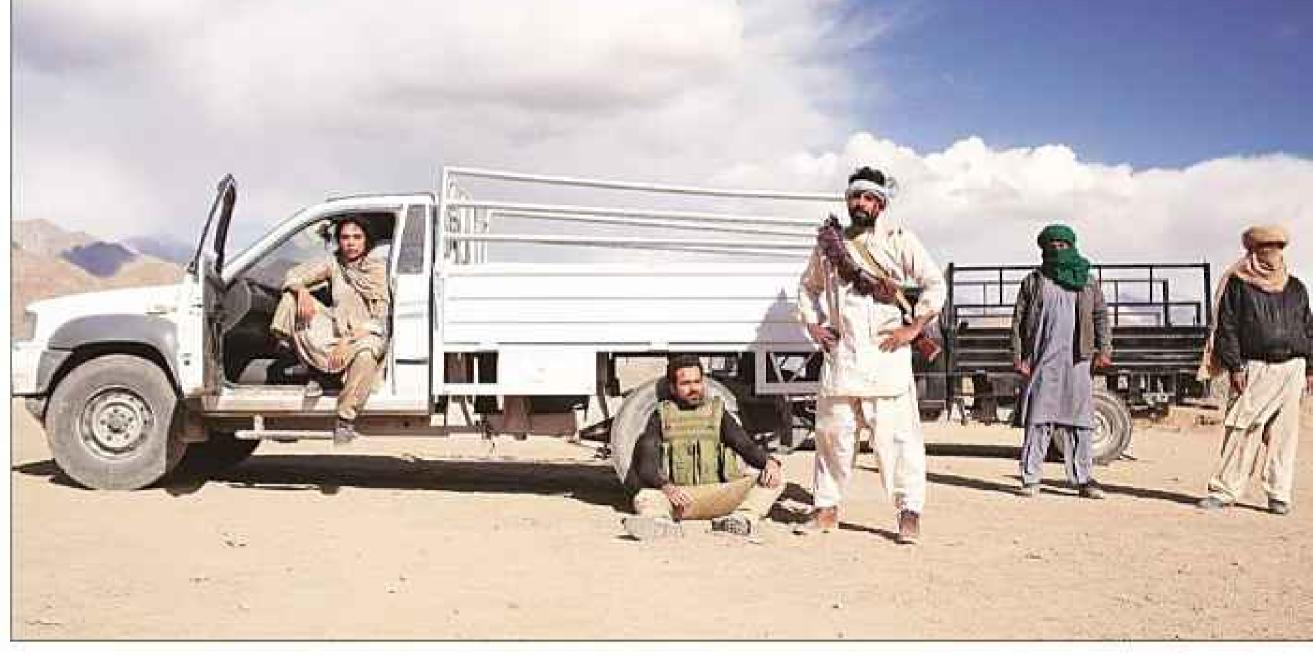
styles had been worked upon to give

them a Greta Thunberg look. Actor

Deepika Padukone (pictured) attended

the event in a brown printed maxi dress,

culled from Dior's cruise collection.



Emraan Hashmi and Sobhita Dhulipala in a still from Bard of Blood (above); Ribhu Dasgupta

Die Another Day

The cast of spy-series, Bard of Blood, on tough conditions and significance of digital space for original content

EKTAA MALIK

IN NEW DELHI'S Taj Palace, an entire floor was almost cordoned off to accommodate the cast and crew of Bard of Blood — the new web series that will stream on Netflix. Comprising actors Emraan Hashmi, Sobhita Dhulipala, Viineet Kumar, Kirti Kulhari and director Ribhu Dasgupta and co-produced by Shah Rukh Khan's Red Chillies Entertainment, Bard of Blood is an Indian spy series, where Hashmi plays Kabir Anand, the titular 'Bard' — a former secret service agent - who leads an off-the-books mission to rescue four Indian operatives who have been taken captive by the Taliban in Balochistan. In the process, he is assisted by Isha Mathur (Dhulipala) and Veer Singh (Kumar). His day job is that of an English professor who loves the original Bard of Avon, and doesn't miss an opportunity to quote him.

The show is set primarily in Balochistan (Pakistan), in the cities of Quetta and Keech. The rough and arid terrains of Leh, Ladakh and Rajasthan in India were used to create the desired effect. "It was a gruelling 90-day shoot. Many members of the crew had nose and ear bleeds. But it was a tough schedule, with a lot of action. We shot in every possible weather and ended the Ladakh leg in snow. Physically, it was very demanding and a first-



of-its-kind experience for me," says Hashmi, sipping on his "saunf paani" (fennel water), as Dhulipala and Kumar nod in agreement.

He is also the only actor, who has read the book, Bard of Blood, written by Bilal Siddiqi, on which the seven-part web series is based. "I read the book when it came out in 2015. The show takes it up and lifts it up a notch," says the actor, who is making his digital debut with the show.

The show, which features an ensemble cast, is being helmed by Dasgupta. The book was given to him by Gaurav Verma, executive producer of the show. "It was a fast read, and I could feel the arid climate of Balochistan as I read it. And we wished to recreate that for the show. With the final script in place we heightened it all," says Dasgupta, who has earlier helmed the TV

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show, Yudh.

With Bard of Blood, the director has a veritable casting coup on his hands, and which in his own words, "made his job very easy". "Casting is a process, and we had rigorous auditions. No one would have imagined Viineet (Kumar) as a spy, and Sobhita as a secret service analyst. You need the right actors to back you up in an expansive project like this," adds Dasgupta. But Hashmi feels it's the other way around. "Ribhu should get an award just to deal with all of us. And he single-handedly directed all seven episodes. Normally most big web shows have two or more directors. Ribhu was too calm and led by example. There would be an action scene being shot somewhere, and one kilometre away, a dialogue heavy, dramatic scene would be taking place, and he dealt with all of this," says Hashmi.

There has been a lot of talk about the digital space being the last bastion for original narratives and stories as it is not encumbered by the pressures of censorship, box office and a short shelf-life decided by a cinema hall. While Hashmi and Singh are making their digital debuts with the show, Dhulipala is already a household name, courtesy her role in Zoya Akhtar and Reema Kagti's popular series, Made in Heaven. "We should all be taking tips from her, as she is an expert of the medium," chuckles Hashmi. "I was curious about this format as an actor, curious about the process. But given the natural greed of an actor, I was quite happy to have such a long developmental arc for my character," states Hashmi, who was last seen in Cheat India. "I feel that some stories are better suited to be told through a digital medium. As it has space, the medium allows for silences, which otherwise is not possible in a two-hour film, shares Dhulipala.

There are rumours afloat about the show and how it has been made with a total cost of Rs 50 crore. "Throwing money at anything is never the answer. Look at Fauda, the Israeli show. It's a masterpiece of a show, done very simply, but the narrative holds you," adds Hashmi.

Bard of Blood streams on Netflix tomorrow

Age is Just a Number

HAMARI UMAR ke role toh kamsekam humse kara lo bhai", responded actor Neena Gupta on Twitter to someone who tagged her as a possible casting choice for the upcoming film, Saand Ki Aankh. With this tweet Gupta has raked quite a controversy on social media, calling out the underlying ageism in the Hindi film industry. A Twitter storm followed, and there were numerous comments regarding the relatively young casting of Taapsee Pannu and Bhumi Pednekar in the lead roles of 60-yearolds. The film focuses on two women in their 60s, and their journey to become ace shooters. As seen in the trailer of the film, the two actors

have been aged with heavy use of prosthetics and make-up. Pannu responded to the comments: "I just wonder if the same questions were asked when we loved what Anupam Kher did in *Saaransh*. Did we question Nargis Dutt when she played a mother to Sunil Dutt. Did we question John Trivolta for playing a woman in *Hairspry*... Did we question when

Aamir Khan played a college kid in 3 *Idiots*?" Older female actors have often spoken about the common practice in the industry. Most say that they are often relegated to the roles of mother or daadi. Actor Surekha Sikri recently told The Indian Express, "As an indus-

try, we don't write parts for older women... Glamour will always drive the choices... Look at Meryl Streep and Helen Mirren... Senior actors like me are not extended the same *izzat* (respect), or the same trust that we will deliver. Why? Just because we are of a certain age?"

Soni Razdan recently played a woman of retirement age in Yours Truly and the film focused on her living a single life. Gupta, too, had a brilliant role in the National Awardwinning *Badhai Ho*, where she played the role of a mother who is expecting a child in her 50s. "I wish I could make my debut in the industry now. A sea of opportunities awaits young actors now. Older women are getting interesting roles. I am hopeful," Gupta had stated last year.

EKTAA MALIK



A still from Saand Ki Aankh

Up in the Air

A restaurant suspended from a crane, 160 feet above the ground, provides a thrilling experience with not so exciting food

SNAP SHOT

POOJA PILLAI & AMIL BHATNAGAR

THE LATEST dining experience in Noida requires more than a cast iron stomach. Flydining Noida, which opened earlier this month, lets diners eat at a table suspended from a crane — 160 feet above the ground. The "dining experience", as partnering owner Namit Bharadwaj calls it, comprises a table and 24 chairs welded to a platform, which is then lifted into the air for 40 minutes, over the course of which diners are served a mocktail, snacks and dessert.

The place runs in five slots between 6 pm and 12 am at the moment. "We're planning to open up slots in the afternoon, because we've had many requests, particularly from women who want to host kitty parties," Bharadwai said.

For a set-up like this, safety is paramount. Bharadwai said that the entire structure, weighing 10 tonnes, has been built and certified in Germany, and there's a daily safety

check of the crane, which can lift upto 180 tonnes, and the platform to which the table and chairs are attached.

In the intervals between each 40-minute shift, the platform is cleaned and the equipment tested. Once customers are seated. their safety belts are checked three times. The staff, which wears safety harnesses, is also equipped with walkie talkies in case something goes wrong. According to the safety staff, the set-up does not get air-borne if the wind speed is more than 22km/hour, which is evaluated daily.

The experience doesn't come cheap. Currently, the price per seat is Rs 2499 from Monday to Thursday, while on the weekends, it rises to Rs 3000. The most common queries from customers, after immediate concerns about safety, are whether or not children are allowed and whether it's possible for a couple to book the whole table, looking for privacy on a romantic night out.

Chairs are designed to rotate sideways and incline backwards. A restaurant staffer



manually rotates the table, and apart from the guests, there are two chefs and a photographer present on the dining table. All three are harnessed to the roof of the table, which allows movement across the narrow space. "I have never worked in such a set-up before. But it's exciting. There is no feeling of fear and I feel safe," said one of the chefs, who doubles up as a DJ and changes music in between serving food.

At that height, one can see high-rise buildings, the DND flyway and all of Sector 18. It's a breathtaking view, which is a good

thing because the food is, frankly, incidental to the experience. Diners were served what the website refers to as "progressive Asian cuisine", which included Baked Roomali Paneer Pinwheel, Popeye's on the Sky (a corn cup served on crisp-fried spinach), Charred Waterchestnut and Shiitake Cake, Housemade Banana Bonda with heavenly rice (served with Malaysian yellow curry) and Bird's Nest in the Air (crisp threads of Turkish pastry with white and dark chocolate). While the Paneer Pinwheel and rice with Malaysian yellow curry were flavoursome, the rest of



Flydining, a new restaurant in Noida, feeds diners while perched high up in the air Photos: Abhinav Saha

the food was edible at best.

But this is one of those rare dining experiences which is not meant to be so much about the food, as about the adrenaline rush that comes with being perched so high up above the city with feet dangling in the air. A diner. Sakshi Iain. who was there with her family, said that apart from a twinge of anxiety when the platform became airborne, she enjoyed the experience. "After some time, you forget you were ever nervous, and the 40 minutes just fly by," she said.

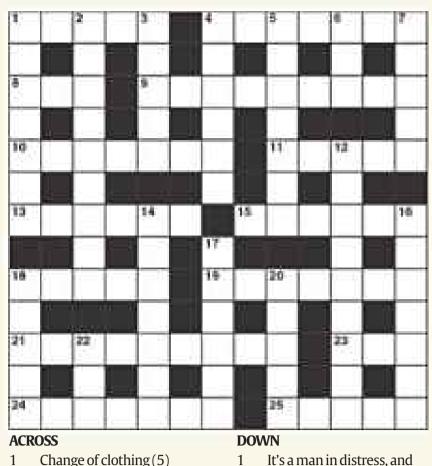
In the event of dizziness or sickness, the

table can be lowered down to the ground in 30 seconds, said a security official. The experience was first tested in Bengaluru in August last year, but it has since shut down. The next preferred location, after Noida, is Gurgaon.

"There is no space in Delhi since the view is a crucial element of the dining experience Gurgaon has a booming corporate set-up and there is place for innovation. Another restaurant is coming up in Hyderabad as well. The crane comes from Dubai while every other equipment is from Germany to ensure high quality," said Bharadwaj.

22 CALENDAR

CROSSWORD 3920



- Change of clothing (5)
- Debris from a glacier or a mine, perhaps (7)Woodworker caught in tax
- evasion(3) She helps dress the mistress
- and transform dismal day (5,4)
- 10 First-class students (7) 11 Fall into part of the main
- current(5) 13 They are bound to hold
- 15 He was a very fair man (6) 18 In a position to give a broad

different views, for instance

- smile(5)
- 21 As decreed I go in the
- artillery (9) 23 Tool which makes

- 24 A sorry speech? (7)
- everything soundly (3)
- 19 He fails to launder (7)

JUMBLED WORDS

- The way things go? (5)
- 20 The fall is general in a way (5) A combination of variety (3)

what could keep him going

Unusually fine story with a

moral defying description

Claw used in fight along with

Discern perhaps and cut off (7)

She can provide a form of aid

Duck that is returned by the

12 Hostile fire one can and does

14 It reminds men to give me

16 Came to stay and paid the bill

18 It helps to make Gorgonzola

get involved in (9)

top priority (7)

17 Score is two love (6)

romantic! (5)

Diffident in two ways (6)

teeth(5)

German(5)

(3)

(7)

Solutions Crossword 3919: Across: 1 Surrealist, 8 Brood, 9 Salerno, 10 Shining light, 11 Cleft, 12 Ignore, 14 Staple, 17 Kilns, 19 Aimless, 21 Tighten, 22 Ideas, 23 Tie-on label. Down: 2 Utopian, 3 Radii, 4 Assign, 5 Illicit, 6 Terse, 7 Fortresses, 8 Bus tickets, 13 Rosette, 15 Precede, 16 Cannon, 20 Moira.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis









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BEST ABOUT VACATIONS IS

THE FAMILY TOGETHERNESS



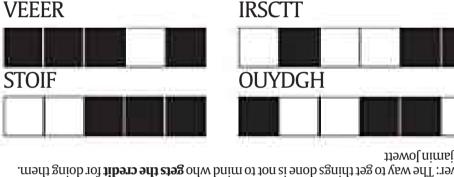
MARVIN by Tom Armstrong







Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given guip. The way to get things done is not to mind who_____for doing them. - Benjamin Jowett



Answer: The way to get things done is not to mind who gets the credit for doing them. SOLUTION: REEVE, FOIST, STRICT, DOUGHY

must appear in each of the nine vertical columns. in each of the nine horizonta rows and in each of the nine boxes.

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To solve a Sudoku puzzle,

every digit from 1 to 9

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DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

There are certain ties and involvements which can never be broken. However, you must make minor adjustments if you are to continue to live an existence that is fulfilling and satisfying from a personal point of view. Hopefully you haven't backed yourself into too much of a corner.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

Now that Venus, planet of love, is offering you gentle encouragement, you must take one or two important steps. The first is to

acknowledge that other people have the advantage. The second is to stand back and allow them to enjoy their period of dominance.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) Try to think of a

possession or personal contact you are losing as something that you might be better off without. You know better than anyone that your future happiness depends more than anything on a change of attitude. Strangely, it would probably also do partners good if you altered your opinions.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) In spite of the many

obstacles that circumstances are placing in your path, the long-term plan is still working in your favour. Never imagine that you are powerless in the face of fate. You're not, and if there's anything astrology can teach you, then it's how to

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) Don't expect

create your own future.

business affairs to go exactly according to plan. On the other hand, there is really no need to worry about short-term hiccups turning into longterm catastrophes — just as long as you keep your finger on the pulse. That way you'll be prepared for the unexpected.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Sure you have your shy side, but anyone who still believes that you are always timid is about to be put firmly in their place. However, over the next three days you can absolutely expect to meet considerably more opposition than for many weeks, so take a positive approach and listen to good advice.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23) Concern about a personal matter is due to increase over the next fortyeight hours, but this is all to the good if it alerts you to possible weaknesses. Put your time to good account by

improving your exercise and devoting more attention to your responsibilities.

cleaning up your diet,

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23) There's a minor planetary cycle at work that affects your sign and

which comes to a head over the coming two or three days. The opportunities which now open up should be profoundly creative in the broadest sense and could, eventually, lead to a life which is so much more satisfying.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22) People at home will

be gearing up for a fight. This is one of those disputes in which nothing of substance seems to be involved beyond a feeling that someone's pride has been hurt. But, then, it's what exactly people feel that counts, and that's why they

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) It may be wise to wait another few

need to be placated.

days before pressurising anybody else into a firm commitment. The fact is that close partners may feel much more strongly about your ideas than you realised. You should probably spend a little extra effort on gentle persuasion.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19) You're in a generally prosperous phase,

stop concentrating costs could shoot up. All that happens financially from now until the weekend may not be

but as soon as you

entirely to your liking. This is one of those times when you have to accept that the planets could be pushing you in a new direction. PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

You must be very

careful what tactics you apply over the coming days. You may feel that it is wisest to sit back and let events take their own course, intervening only in the most critical situations. If someone close is absolutely determined to go their own way, then at least you can make sure that they succeed.

SEARCH FOR MISSING



girl (depicted in the photo) namely: Ronak D/o Mohd. Younus R/o Hariom Ka Makan, Gali No.-70B, Swatantra Nagar, Narela, Delhi, has been missing/ kidnapped from the area of P.S Nareta, Delhi since 31,08,2019. In this regard FIR No. 391/91 u/s 363 IPC dated 31.08.2019 has been registered at PS Narela, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to

General public is here by informed that this

Her physical description is as under-

Sex: Female, Age: 17 years, Height: 5'3" ft., Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long, Wearing: White colour Suit & Salwar with Chunni, Any person is having information or due about this missing/ kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the following:-

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In this regard a GD No. 41A, dated 21.09.2019 has been registered at

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about this person but no dive has come to light so far.

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unidentified person about 35-40 years of

age whose name, residence and family is

unknown, was found dead at S-Block

chowk, Near Juice shop, Mangol Puri,

Delhi on 12.09.19 at 06:37 AM. In this

regard a vide has been registered with

FIR/DD No: 13-A u/s 174CrPc dated

12.09.19 at P.S. Raj Park, New Delhi.

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local police to identify the deceased

P.S. Darva Gani, Dethi.

inform to the following.

DP/6598/CD/19

Website:http://cbi.nic.in E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Fax No.: 011-24368639 Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641

P.S. Narela, Delhi Ph. No.: 611-27280435,27282350 Mob. No: 7065036323 DP/613/ON/19

General public is hereby informed that this person

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Complexion: Shallow, Built: Thin, Face: Oval,

Normal Small Black/White Hair having

Black/White Beard, ID Mark: A Tatton Mark

"Rabiya" on his right hand, Wearing: Slue Shirt

and Grey Pant was found dead at U Turn, JLN

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रतपदारा शरित किया जाता है कि विकासन संख्या- A-1/E-1/ACF/2019-20 दिनीया ३० जुलाई, २५१३ के अन्तर्गत सहायया वन शरदाक (पार्राभाक) परीक्षा-2019, दिनीक 06 आवट्यर, 2019 को निधारित की गयी थी, किन्तु दिनींक 05 अवद्यर, 2019 को राज्य निर्वाधन आयोग हारा पंचायत मुनाव कार्यक्रम निर्दारित किथे जाने के दृष्टिगत शक्त परीक्षा तिथि परिवर्तित कर दी गयी है। परिवर्तित कार्यकमानुसार शहायक वन सरक्षक (प्रारम्भिक) परीक्षा-2019 दिनाँक 03 नवम्बर, 2019 (रविवार) को पूर्वात 1000 बजे से नव्याह 1200 बजे तक आयोजित की जायेगी।

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SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED GIRL



General public is here by informed that one girl Namely: Sweta, D/o Maday, R/o 69 T Hut Ganda Nala, Gulabi Bagh, Delhi Age: 16 years, Height: 4'6", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Long, Built: Medium, Wearing: Green Colour Suit & Salwar and Chappal in feet has been kidnapped since 22.04.2019 from the area of

PS Gulabi Bagh.

In this regard a FIR No. 47/19 u/s 363 IPC dated 05.05.2019 has been registered at P.S. Gulabi Bagh, Dethi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace our

information about this girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this girl kindly inform to the following.

E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Website: http://cbi.nic.in Fax: 011-24368639 Ph: 011-24368538, 24368641 P.S. Gulabi Bagh, Delhi Ph. 011-23651692 DP/33/N/19

APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE

(See Section 82 Cr.PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that Dalip @ Chhotu, S/o Pashu Pati R/o H.No.101, Gali No.2, Vill-Sherpur, Khajuri Khas, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to has committed) the offence in case EFIR No. 756/19 u/s 379/411/328/34 IPC, P.S. Khajuri Khas, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Dalip @ Chhotu cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Dalip @ Chhotu has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Dalip @ Chhotu of FIR No. 756/19 u/s 379/411/328/34 IPC, P.S. Khajuri Khas, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 01.11.2019.

By Order. Sh. Muneesh Garg Metropolitan Magistrate-003, Room No.22, DP/7325/NE/19 - (Court Mafter) Karkardoma Courts, Delhi



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person but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the UIDB is as under: Sex: Male, Age: about 35-40 years, Height: 5'6" Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Red colour shirt and grey

colour pant. If anyone has any information about his relatives, kindly inform

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Sri Lanka will tour India in January to play three Twenty20Is, replacing suspended Zimbabwe. The ICC suspended Zimbabwe in July as the country's cricket administration was not free from government interference.

'Surprised' CGF says November meeting with IOA crucial

MIHIR VASAVDA

NEW DELHI. SEPTEMBER 25

COMMONWEALTH GAMES Federation (CGF) chief executive David Grevemberg said on Wednesday he was "a bit disappointed and surprised" at Indian Olympic Association (IOA) president Narinder Batra's suggestion that India withdraw permanently from the multi-discipline event.

Speaking to The Indian Express over phone, Grevemberg said, in the light of the IOA chief's statements, the meeting between the two bodies in Delhi on November 14 will be "more important than ever". Batra had told this paper on Tuesday that instead of boycotting a one-off edition (Birmingham 2022), India should consider pulling out of the CWG for good, saying the Games were a "waste of time and money", and a symbol of "colonialism" while questioning their relevance.

"I'm a bit disappointed and surprised (to read the comments). I appreciate the frank-

ness and openness. Clearly, we have a lot to talk about. The approach will be 'respect, listen, learn and contribute'. The meeting in November is now more important than ever," Grevemberg said.

The IOA executive board is likely to discuss Batra's proposal during their meeting next month. If he manages to build consensus, the Olympic body will discuss the issue with the government before taking it up with the CGF, when its officials visit Delhi in November.

Batra's comments drew a lot of flak from the athletes but the sports ministry and national federations chose not to react immediately. "We haven't received any such proposal or suggestion from the IOA. This, from what we understand, is the IOA president's personal view right now. If they formally decide anything and bring it to us, then we will see what will be the way forward," a sports ministry official said.

The IOA and CGF have been at loggerheads for quite some time after the organisers of the 2022 Games excluded shooting from its programme. Consequently, the IOA I'm a bit disappointed and surprised (to read the comments). I appreciate the frankness and openness. Clearly, we have a lot to talk about. The approach will be 'respect, listen, learn and contribute'. The meeting in November is now more important than ever.'

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CEO, COMMONWEALTH GAMES FEDERATION

took an unprecedented step to propose a complete boycott of the Birmingham CWG. Earlier this month, sports minister Kiren Rijiju wrote to his counterpart in the British government to seek his personal intervention in the issue. However, there has been no response from the British government yet.

Grevemberg will accompany CGF president Louise Martin for the meeting in November. He said the visit will give him "a chance to understand India's ambition in the Commonwealth"

and hope to ensure the country does have a "leadership role" in the association.

He, however, ruled out the possibility of shooting being reinstated at this stage. Instead, he said the CGF will support British Shooting's idea of conducting Commonwealth Shooting Championships simultaneously.

"The programme is what it is today. These are the decisions in our constitution. This is not your money or my money, this is the British government's money. This decision wasn't taken by one person. We understand British Shooting is looking to host Commonwealth Shooting Championship and we are supportive of that," Grevemberg said. "We need to have a very good conversation to know how ISSF can develop shooting in the Commonwealth. We are here to work in collaboration."

Shooting has been contested at every Commonwealth Games since Kingston 1966, with the exception of Edinburgh 1970. The sport has been the source of one-fourth of India's medals at the CWG. Out of the 504 medals, India has won at the Games - includ-

ing 181 gold – 134 have come from shooting (63 gold, 44 silver and 27 bronze). Only Australia have won more.

India have finished among the top five nations in the medals tally in every edition of the CWG since the turn of the century. Without shooting, the country can fall to eighth place or even lower, according to IOA estimates. The sport, however, is not a part of the core programme of the CWG, which means a host nation can decide if it wants to include it in the event or not.

"The optional sports are very clearly mentioned in the CGF constitution, which was approved by our members. India was in the room and voted for it in 2015, when the bylaws were reaffirmed. I look forward to meeting Dr Batra, clarify and come to some accord on shooting."

Grevemberg, meanwhile, rejected Batra's claims that the CWG is no longer relevant. "Modern Commonwealth is relevant than before. It is a way to go beyond the shared colonial history and implement values of peace, prosperity and human rights," he said.

Athletes react to Batra's proposal with anger, call it 'unacceptable'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 25

THE ATHLETES reacted with anger but the officialdom chose to weigh its words before responding to Indian Olympic Association chief Narinder Batra's assertion that the Commonwealth Games is a waste of time and the country should consider a permanent pullout. "It is not acceptable," said one of India's currently most successful table tennis players G Sathiyan, who claimed two silvers and a bronze in the 2018 edition in Gold Coast

The shooting fraternity chose to sidestep queries on Batra's comment but others were upfront. Boxing star Vijender Singh, who is the first and only male pugilist with an Olympic medal, said Batra's statement is heartbreaking as it undermines athletes' hard work.

"It is heartbreaking. By this logic, India should not send teams to invitational tournaments either because the level of competition is not like the Olympics or the world championship even there," said the boxer who has two silver and a bronze from the three CWGs he competed in. "Why belittle the athletes' achievements? And in any case, CWG has strong boxing nations such as England and Ireland in fray," he added.

The 2014 Glasgow CWG gold-medallist shuttler Parupalli Kashyap also differed with Batra, who also heads the International Hockey Federation (FIH). "It is ridiculous to think of boycotting the Commonwealth Games. I don't think the standard is low. I didn't have it easy when I beat all these players during the 2010 edition (when he won bronze) and the 2014 Games," he recalled. "It is not like we are winning all the gold medals. Even in badminton, there are teams like Malaysia, England who are tough."

In fact, 2010 CWG gold-medallist discus thrower Krishna Poonia said the Commonwealth competition in athletics is stiffer than the Asian Games, which is generally perceived to be tougher by the sporting fraternity. "For athletics, CWG is worldclass, the competition is of higher level than the Asian Games," she said.

Two-time CWG gold-medallist weightlifter Sathish Sivalingam said a medal at the Games provides job security to a lot of athletes and that shouldn't be taken away. "I am completely against the pullout. The Commonwealth Games are a big event for us. Medal-winning performances in the CWG bring a lot of incentives like jobs and money etc. So for us, this competition is important," he said.

Former India hockey captain Zafar Iqbal who was part of the 1980 Olympic gold medal-winning team, was surprised by Batra's comment. "That's a ridiculous statement coming from a man who is holding numerous important positions in national as well as international sports federations," he said. "Commonwealth Games is the biggest competition after Olympics in terms of participation of countries. 72 countries took part in the last Commonwealth Games. And if you talk about hockey, all top nations like Australia,

New Zealand, and Great Britain are there." A more guarded response came from the Wrestling federation. The sport contributes massively to India's medal tally at CWGs and its President Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh said the grapplers are eager to continue at the quadrennial showpiece. "The general view of the wrestling fraternity is that the athletes want to

compete, whatever the tournament is," he said. But there were also voices who agreed with Batra. Former Archery Association secretary-general Paresh Nath Mukherjee said, "there can't be a bigger truth" than what the IOA chief has dared to say. "He has hit the nail on the head. Commonwealth Games has no relevance in the Olympics. It has no value and only poor and foolish countries like us make such hype about CWG. It's nothing but a

waste of money," he said.

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Did BCCI advice land Dravid in conflict mess?

NCA head coach says he was told by the board that a 'leave of absence' letter from India Cements would free him of conflict of interest

DEVENDRA PANDEY

MUMBAI. SEPTEMBER 25

A DAY before he is set to depose before BCCI's ethics officer, Rahul Dravid said he had followed the BCCI's suggestion to handle the conflict-of-interest matter before taking up the job as Head Coach at the National Cricket Academy.

Dravid said he was told by BCCI that a 'leave of absence' letter from India Cements, where he has been a vice-president for a decade, was enough to take up the new job at NCA and that it would free him of conflict of interest, and the former cricketer did likewise. "It is leave of absence which is what I have

been asked to do at that stage. I will appear with my lawyer and represent my own case," Dravid told The Indian Express when asked how he had dealt with the conflict-of-issue problem. He will depose before DK Jain, the BCCI ethics officer, in Mumbai on Thursday to explain the charges made by Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association life member Sanjeev Gupta.

"Just mere 'leave without pay' from India Cements will not save him from the clutches of Rule 38(4)," Gupta wrote in his complaint to the ethics officer.

Gupta had raised the issue as Dravid had been a vice-president with India Cements for more than a decade when he took up the NCA role. Gupta reckoned that it was a violation of BCCI rules which state that an individual can't hold two posts while being an employee of the cricket board and since India Cements owns IPL franchise Chennai Super Kings, Gupta believed Dravid couldn't take up the NCA job.

CoA on Col

The court-appointed Committee of Administrators came to Dravid's defence and argued that the legendary batsman doesn't fall under the conflict-of-interest rule. In a recent Idea Exchange conducted by this newspaper, CoA chief Vinod Rai was asked about conflict of interest and several complaints against cricketers in this regard. In particular about how Souray Ganguly is the president of Cricket Association of Bengal and also a commentator, and Dravid employed with India Cements.

"In his report, Justice Lodha has given about 20 examples of conflict of interest. So the issues are very clear. We abide by them a 100 per cent. Since you took certain names. Sourav Ganguly is in conflict since he is president of the Cricket Association of Bengal. No dispute about it. Rahul Dravid was (in breach) because he was employed by India Cements. He has been made to stop that. You can check up. There is a resignation."

But on Wednesday, Rai said, "He (Dravid) has submitted leave of absence. I did not say he has sent resignation. I gave two examples of two senior appointees.

The BCCI had in June asked Dravid to take up a bigger role at the NCA and work closely with the National Men's and Women's Head Coaches and coaches of India Developmental teams - including India A, India Under-19, and Under-23.

In a letter issued by Indian Cements to Dravid and accessed by this paper, the company has granted leave of absence to him. Dravid had written to India Cements on July



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2 asking for a No-Objection Certificate. "By means of this letter, we state and con-

firm that we have No Objection to your proposed contract with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) in respect of the position of Head of Cricket at the National Cricket Academy, Bangalore as described in your letter. We hereby grant you leave of absence from your employment during the term and tenure of your engagement with the BCCI, for an initial period of two years. We request you to notify us of any updates or changes in term and tenure of your BCCI contract and the said leave of absence shall be appropriately reviewed," India Cements Senior General Manager (Human Resources) G Vijayan stated in the letter given to Dravid.

Injury picked up during WC claimed to be reason behind Dhoni's unavailability

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 25

MS DHONI is injured, which is the reason behind his unavailability at the moment. It is learnt that Dhoni went to the World Cup carrying a back niggle that got aggravated during the course of the tournament. Also, during the World Cup, he picked up a wrist injury. The former India captain is expected to be fit by November, BCCI sources told *The Indian Express*.

Dhoni wasn't part of India's limited-overs squad for the tour of West Indies. He wasn't included in the team for the recently concluded three-match home T20 international series against South Africa either.

Dhoni, an honorary Lieutenant Colonel, meanwhile, had a two-week stint with the Para Regiment of the Indian Army in Kashmir



MS Dhoni hasn't played since the World Cup.

after the World Cup. Then, he was said to be on a sabbatical. Even at 38 years of age, Dhoni is one of the fittest cricketers in the Indian team.

But a back injury had been troubling him for over a season now. Last year, after an IPL match against Kings XI Punjab at Mohali,

where he scored an unbeaten 79, the Chennai Super Kings captain had spoken about the injury during post-match presentation. "It's bad. How bad it is, I don't know." This year, during the IPL, Dhoni had said his back was holding up. "The back is holding up, it's not getting worse, with the World Cup coming up, can't afford that, because that's too important."

The Indian team management has dropped a hint that they are not ruling out the ex-skipper yet. Ahead of the first T20I against South Africa in Dharamsala, Virat Kohli had spoken about the "alignment" between his predecessor and the team. "One great thing about him is that, he thinks for Indian cricket. And whatever we (team management) think, he is on the same page. The alignment is there. The kind of mindset he has had about grooming youngsters and giving them opportunities, and he is still the same person," Kohli had said.

Pak coach Misbah says top Lankan players should not have pulled out

Karachi: Pakistan's head coach and chief selector Misbah-ul-Haq says Sri Lanka's top players should have come for the limited-overs series in Pakistan after being assured of head-ofstate-like security by the government. Ten of Sri Lanka's best players pulled out of the threematch ODI series and three Twenty20s in Pakistan due to security concerns — including ODI captain Dimuth Karunaratne and Twenty20 captain Lasith Malinga. It is the first time since Sri Lanka's team bus was attacked by terrorists in Lahore in 2009 that a foreign team will conduct a two-week tour of Pakistan. Major teams have avoided Pakistan since that ambush, which killed eight people and injured several players.

"Being a cricketer everyone's life is very precious," Misbah said on Wednesday. "We are also here, rest of the players are also here ... I think they should have had considered it when the government is giving assurances.'

The current tour, which begins with the first ODI on Friday, also looked in doubt after the Sri Lankan cricket board said it had been warned by its government about a possible terrorist threat. But it finally got the go-ahead from the SLC after Pakistan's government promised that the army would coordinate the security over the two-week long visit. "Pakistan's government is trying its best, the Pakistan Board is trying its best and we need the support of the world," Misbah said. "No doubt what happened to them (was unfortunate), such things do happen in other parts of the world, but you go out and play there. They should come here too, what's the problem with that."

Hazare round-up: Saini takes four, Delhi share points

Vadodara: India pacer Navdeep Saini helped Delhi bundle out Haryana for 154 but rain forced them to share points for the second day in a row in the Vijay Hazare Trophy Group B on Wednesday. The match began as a 34-overs-a-side contest but the weather played spoilsport soon after Delhi dismissed Haryana in 32.4 overs with Saini taking four wickets for 36 runs in 6.4 overs. Pramod Chandila (58 off 57 balls) was the top-scorer for Haryana. Delhi could bat for only 1.3 overs before rain arrived. Both teams got two points each for the abandoned game. Haryana had India leggie Yuzvendra Chahal in the playing eleven while Delhi had Rishabh Pant, who has copped criticism of late for his poor returns in India colours.

BRIEF SCORES: Haryana 154 all out in 32.4 overs (Pramod Chandila 58 of 57 balls with 3x4 & 3x6; Navdeep Saini 4/36) vs Delhi 6/0 in 1.3 overs. **Points:** Haryana 2, Delhi 2

Mavi's heroics to no avail

Promising speedster Shivam Mavi helped put the skids under Baroda, but rain ensured Uttar Pradesh had to be satisfied with just two points after a no result. Mavi's accounted for three main batsmen while conceding just nine runs in 4.3 overs and Baroda were reel-

ing at 91 for eight when play was called off. **BRIEF SCORES:** Baroda 91/8 in 20.3 overs (Krunal Pandya 36 in 34 balls with 3x4; Mavi 3/9) vs UP. **Points:** Baroda 2, UP 2

Gill falls cheaply

In a 42-overs-a-side match, Himachal Pradesh restricted Punjab to a moderate score but rain ensured there was no result. Young opener Shubman Gill, picked for the South Africa series, made 23 as Punjab struggled to 169 for nine.

BRIEF SCORES: Punjab 169/9 in 42 overs (Anmol Malhotra 36, Abhishek Sharma 29, Shubman Gill 23; Rishi Dhawan 4/43) vs HP 22/1 in 8 overs. **Points:** HP 2, Punjab 2

Tamil Nadu thrash Services

Jaipur: Skipper Dinesh Karthik led from the front as Tamil Nadu thrashed Services by 212 runs in their Elite Group Cgame on Wednesday. This was Tamil Nadu's second successive win after defeating Rajasthan on Tuesday. Put in to bat at the Sawai Mansingh stadium, Tamil Nadu posted a healthy 294/8 with Karthik top-scoring with 95. Their bowlers then bundled out Services for a paltry 82.

BRIEF SCORES: TN 294/8 (Dinesh Karthik 95, C Hari Nishaanath 73) beat Services 82 (K Vignesh 5/41, M Mohammed 3/10) by 212 runs. **Points:** TN 4; Services 0.

Railways too good for Bihar

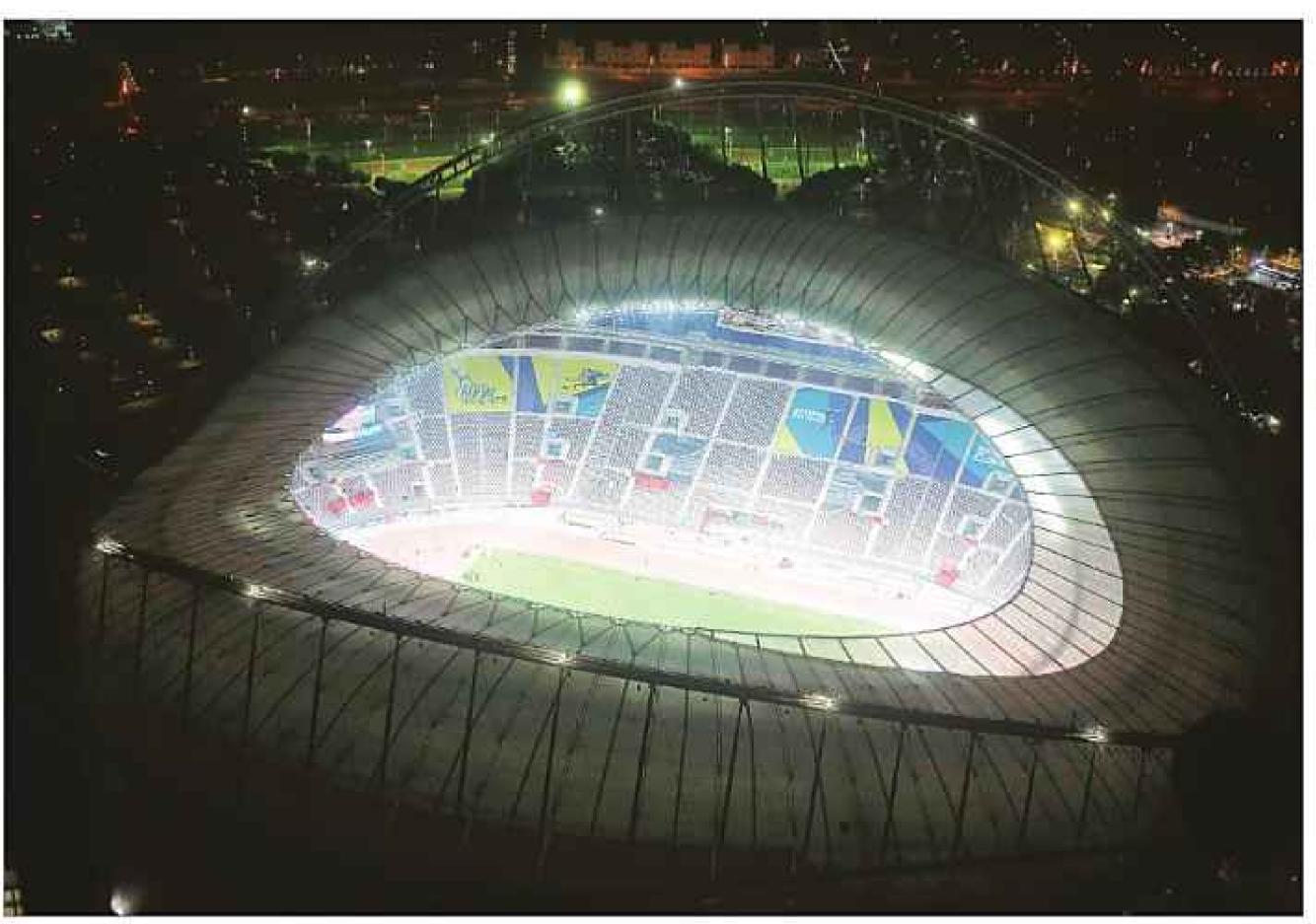
Arindam Ghosh missed a ton by four runs before leg-spinner Karn Sharma grabbed three wickets as Railways defeated Bihar by 84 runs via the VID method.

BRIEF SCORS: Railways 289/6 in 50 overs (Ghosh 96, Rajput 70; Vivek Kumar 3/55) beat Bihar 155/6 in 43 overs (Rathour 86 not out; Karn Sharma 3/23) by 84 runs (VJD method). **Points:** Railways 4; Bihar 0.

Tripura upset MP

Tanmay Mishra hit a century to help Tripura thrash MP by 104 runs via the VID method.

BRIEF SCORES: Tripura 268/8 in 50 overs (Mishra 102 in 101 balls with 10x4 & 2x6, Milind Kumar 41) beat Madhya Pradesh 86/6 in 20 overs (Rajat Patidar 41) by 104 runs (VJD method). **Points:** Tripura 4; MP 0. **PTI**



BRIDGING THE GULF

Qatar's capital Doha will host the maiden World Athletics Championships in the Middle East. Above is the aerial view of the Khalifa stadium. Reuters

World's gaze on Doha

The premier athletics championship will be a test of Qatar's credentials as super hosts

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE DOHA, SEPTEMBER 25

QATAR IS preparing to welcome thousands of fans and competitors for the World Athletics Championships starting Friday, an event seen as a staging post towards the 2022 football World Cup. The 10-day event in the capital Doha will be a key test ahead of the football extravaganza in the gas-rich Gulf monarchy, although the track and field showcase will play out on a far smaller scale. World Cup organisers and football fans

will be anxious to see if Qatar can overcome problems encountered at a recent World Cup qualifying fixture, stubborn Doha traffic and unfinished public transport to deliver a smooth championships. An ongoing diplomatic spat between Qatar and several neighbours could threaten to overshadow the competition, as well as possibly dent the numbers of spectators and competitors.

One of the key concerns is security Qatari pro-government media has heavily publicised recent training exercises staged by the US FBI in Doha to equip Qatari officers with "crisis and disaster management" skills. The city was ranked the world's second safest by CEOWORLD magazine last month behind Abu Dhabi, capital of regional rival the United Arab Emirates.

However the Worlds hosts will be looking to avoid a repeat of chaotic scenes that played out during a World Cup qualifying fixture between Qatar and India earlier this month. Indian fans with tickets were unable to access the venue and a surge of fans attempted to storm the ground during half-time as security staff struggled to bring the situation under control.

Not far behind is heat. Ahead of the open-

NAZAROV OUT OF WORLDS IN DOPING CASE

Doha The Olympic champion in the hammer throw, Dilshod Nazarov, is out of the world championships over a failed doping test. The Athletics Integrity Unit, which oversees doping cases in track and field, says Nazarov is provisionally suspended after a retest of his sample from the 2011 world championships came back positive for the banned steroid turinabol.

Nazarov's 2016 gold is Tajikistan's only Olympic victory as an independent nation. He was a world championship silver medalist the year before. The AIU also says it has suspended Albert Rop, a Kenyan-born runner who competes for Bahrain and holds the Asian record in the 5,000 meters. He's

ing ceremony, hundreds of volunteers were marshalled around Doha's Khalifa stadium by police while technicians hoisted vast lighting rigs into place in the venue's intricate lattice-work roof. Chief organiser Dahlan al-Hamad said at a recent sports integrity event in Doha that "Qatar is 100 percent ready for the championship -- we are very excited". The stadium, which will host most events, was first opened in 1976 but totally overhauled ahead of a relaunch in 2017 and has since successfully hosted Diamond League events. The city's Corniche waterfront will be used for the marathon, being staged for the first time at midnight when the temperature will be lower.

The route will also host the men's and women's 20 kilometre race walks and the mixed 50 kilometre race walk. Construction



accused of breaking so-called whereabouts rules requiring athletes to make themselves available for drug testing. ASSOCIATED PRESS

teams worked around the clock to finish assembling the elaborate scaffold towers that line the route's central reservation and will support floodlights for the midnight marathon. Qatar has invested heavily in transport infrastructure since being named 2022 World Cup hosts in 2010. It now boasts one of the world's largest hub airports and Qatar Airways is currently rated the best by an industry body.

Transportationwoes

But it is unclear if the multi-billion-dollar metro system's yellow line will be ready in time to shuttle spectators to the two new stations near the Khalifa stadium, al-Aziziyah and Sports City, both of which are shaped like Bedouin tents. In the absence of a rail option, fans will access the stadium by road. The area

is already popular with motorists and home to a mall, raising the prospect of traffic jams ahead of popular events. Officials were pushing to overhaul several key bottlenecks and junctions across the city ahead of the highpoint of the athletics calendar.

While the Khalifa stadium can hold 46,000 people, it will be configured for fewer fans during the World Championships with organisers hoping to attract around 14,000 spectators to the highest profile events. Tickets are "selling well" according to an official, and members of Qatar's expatriate work force -- Kenyans and Americans in particular -- are expected to turn out.

It remains to be seen though how many fans from neighbouring Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates will make it to Doha for the event. The three countries, along with Egypt, have enforced a boycott of Qatar since June 2017 and their citizens are technically banned from travelling to the peninsula state. The Riyadh-led coalition accuses Qatar of backing extremist groups and Iran, charges it denies -- raising the spectre that politics could partially overshadow the athletics. Nonetheless Saudi will send three athletes, Egypt five, the UAE one, and Bahrain 21 competitors in total.

Coe gets new term as IAAF chief, vows to reduce doping

Britain's Sebastian Coe was re-elected unopposed Wednesday as president of the IAAF for a second term following four years dominated by doping and the issue of gender. The former Olympic and world champion middle-distance runner became head of world athletics' governing body in 2015 and receives his second mandate just two days before the World Athletics Championships open in Doha.

Order of merit

In the post-Bolt era, track and field is in search of the next star who could be a big draw. At the World Championships, a bunch of upcoming athletes are poised to topple established names.



200m NOAH LYLES, Age 22, United States The showdown too

The showdown took place at Shanghai in May, the first Diamond League of the season. The current star Christian Coleman was jolted by the emerthe track in the build, up

gence of Lyles on the track in the build-up and post race. Lyles gestured at the start line and fired an imaginary gun at the camera. He then went onto beat Coleman, someone who does not subscribe to antics. After coming into the race in the last 30 metres, Lyles also turned and looked at Coleman at the finish-line. Coleman took a potshot at Lyles on social media after the race.

"If your goal is to run fast in May to taunt

"If your goal is to run fast in May to taunt and flex online then your priorities aren't straight," Coleman posted. Lyles later said it was Coleman who infuriated him by taking off his headphones and blasting music loudly in the call room. At Doha, Lyles who is known to back-flip after winning the race is likely to be in Coleman's face — a upstart who has the swagger to stun established names and win the crowd over. He wouldn't run 100m, but it could be in the 200 where he could set the track ablaze. At the IAAF Diamond League meet in Lausanne, he clocked 19.50 seconds, the fourth-fastest timing ever.



100m/200m DINA ASHER-SMITH Age: 23, Great Britain

There is a tendency by the media and fans to hype up an athlete from this part of the world, but here is a genuine contender who could knock off the

queens of women sprint events. Four years ago she had come close to finishing on the podium at the London World Championships, but she finished fourth in the 200 metre final. This year, she has laid down the marker by beating Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, the double Olympic champion and fastest woman in the world this year in the 100metres in Brussels last month. Asher-Smith is also the 100 and 200 metre European Champion. But she will have her task cut out at Doha as two Jamaicans, Fraser-Pryce, gold medallist in 2008 and 2012, and Elaine Thompson, the winner of the 100m and 200m from the previous edition, will be breathing down her neck.

Fraser-Pryce, 32, has made a comeback after becoming a mother and won Diamond League meetings in Lausanne and London. Thompson, 27, won at the Diamond League at Paris. Asher Smith has the fourth-best time of the year (10.93 seconds), after Thompson (10.73), Fraser Pryce (10.73) and United States's Sha'Carri Richardson (10.75).



Men's long jump JUAN MIGUEL ECHEVARRIA Age: 21, Cuba

At the last two major competitions — the 2016 Olympics and the 2017 World Championships — the men's long jump gold

was won by United States' Jeff Henderson (8.38) and South Africa's Luvo Manyoga (8.48 metres). These were middling performances when it came to the world level as Mike Powell's record stands at 8.95 metres. But in the young Cuban, the world of track and field may have just discovered the next big star. In August, at the Zurich Diamond League, Echevarria produced a massive 8.65m after seemingly stuck at 8.30 and thereabouts this year. There was a 45-cm gap between the Cuban and the next best, South African Ruswahl Samaai.

Echevarria will start as the favourite and will look to help his country regain the glory days in the event when four-time gold medallist Ivan Pedroso reigned from 1995-

2001. He also has two massive jumps — both wind-assisted — 8.83 metres in Stockholm and 8.92 in Havana. Manyoga and Samaai will be his two main threats in an event, which is likely to witness the return of 8.50-plus jumps at the world stage.



Women's 3000m steeplechase. BEATRICE CHEPKOECH Age: 28, Kenya

She may not be as young as some of the others tipped to become next-generation champions, but for a country

which is still overcoming the taint of doping, Chepkoech provides a hope of restoration of pride. Moreover, going by the average age of middle-distance champions, she is in the prime of her career. Two years ago in London she had missed the water jump and had to turn back and clear it again and hence missed vital seconds which cost her a podium finish. However, on current form, she looks poised to win her first major gold. She has won 15 of her last 17 races and has victories at the African Championships and the Continental Cup but is not invincible. Chepkoech lost to her compatriot Norah Jeruto at the Diamond League in Oslo.

She is the only athlete in the field to register a sub-9 minute time in 2019 but in a tactical race like the steeplechase threats could lurk everywhere. One of these comes in the form of Bahrain's Winfred Yavi who won the gold in the 3000m steeplechase and 5000m at the Asian Championships, which was also held at the Khalifa Stadium in Doha.



Women's 400 metres SALWA EID NASER Age:21, Bahrain She is Nigerian born

and had gone by the

name Ebelechukwu

Agbapuonwu before shifting allegiance and any country would have loved to have an athlete like her in its ranks. Graceful and powerful on track, Naser is a world-class athlete for whom no lead is unconquerable. Indian fans would remember

conquerable. Indian fans would remember her schooling Under-20 World Champion Hima Das in the final of the 400 metres at the Asian Games.

At Doha, Naser will face a much sterner test in the form of Shaunae Miller-Uibo, the Olympic 400m champion. At the Diamond League in Zurich earlier this month. Naser

test in the form of Shaunae Miller-Uibo, the Olympic 400m champion. At the Diamond League in Zurich earlier this month, Naser clocked 50.24 seconds and won the gold in the absence of Miller-Uibo. Naser and Miller-Uibo have battled to the wire before when the latter clocked her personal best of 48.97 at the Diamond League in Monaco with Naser clipping at her heels with 49.08.



he defeated Walsh.

Men's shot put KONRAD BUKOWIECKI Age 21: Poland The men's shot put

will be one of the most high-quality finals at the World Championships as the field holds nine athletes with a personal best

over 22 metres. The big boys, of course, are also in terrific form, including defending champion New Zealand's Tom Walsh who won the Daimond League in Paris with a throw of 22.44 metres. Olympic Champion United States's Ryan Crouser has a world-leading throw of 22.74m while Brazil's Darlen Romani has also impressed with 22.44. Polish Bukowiecki joined the 22-metre club last year and his recent form indicates that he could challenge the more established names. The sequence of his most recent throws are 21.91m, 21.92m, 21.99m and 22.25m—a personal best effort in a

meeting in Chorzow just 10 days ago, where

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Kyrgios resorts to underarm serve in loss

AustralianNick Kyrgios served underarm once again but the fiery Australian fell away dramatically in the second set in a limp firstround exit at the Zhuhai Championships on Wednesday. The 24-year-old Australian, who has been accused of tanking matches in the past, led the veteran Italian Andreas Seppi 4-1 in the first set, only to go down 7-6(7/5), 6-1. Kyrgios, who has had numerous run-ins with tennis authorities down the years, elicited a few giggles from a sparse crowd in southern China with an underarm serve in the first set. Coasting 3-1 and 40-0 up, the 27th-ranked Kyrgios served weakly into the net, before surging into a 4-1 lead.

Halep's woes continue with Wuhan retirement

Wimbledon champion Simona Halep was left disappointed Wednesday after suffering a fresh injury setback in China that forced her to retire from the Wuhan Open with a lower back problem. Halep said the problem that caused her to quit her third-round match felt different to the herniated disc she had suffered at the China Open in Beijing a year ago which brought an early end to the Romanian's 2018 season. "It's lower back. I think it's more muscle, but I don't know yet because I haven't checked it properly," said two-time Grand Slam champion Halep. The world number six led Elena Rybakina by a break and looked on her way to win the first set before her Kazakh opponent drew level.

Advani-Mehta pair wins Snooker title

The Indian duo of Pankaj Advani and Aditya Mehta overcame a tough Thai team to emerge world champions in the IBSF World Snooker Team event, here on Wednesday. This takes Advani's world title tally to a phenomenal 23 while Aditya claimed his maiden at a time when his future is being doubted due to health issues. For Advani, this win has ensured that his name is now there on every IBSF world title on offer. He had won the world billiards event here last week. A great start to the final was delivered by Mehta.



World Champion PV Sindhu lost to USA's Beiwen Zhang 7-21 24-22 15-21.

Sindhu, Sai Praneeth and Saina crash out

Parupalli Kashyap was the lone Indian to survive in the singles event after star shuttlers PV Sindhu, Saina Nehwal and B Sai Praneeth all made first round exits at the Korea Open badminton tournament here on Wednesday. Kashyap registered a comfortable 21-16 21-16 over Lu Chia Hung of Chinese Taipei in a men's singles match match that lasted 42 minutes. The first round casualties for Indian included World Champion Sindhu, who bowed out of the tournament after going down 7-21 24-22 15-21 at the hands of USA's Beiwen Zhang, Sai Praneeth and Saina — both retired hurt in their respective first round matches. World Championships bronze-medallist Sai Praneeth was trailing 9-21 7-11 when he conceded the match to fifth-seeded Anders Antonsen of Denmark due to an ankle injury. London Olympic bronze medallist Saina was trailing 21-19, 18-21 and 1-8 against South Korea's Kim Ga Eun when she was forced to retire. Saina's husband and personal coach Kashyap said she retired because of gastroenteritis problem.

Saqib fires 61 to take three-shot lead in Jaipur

Bengaluru's Syed Saqib Ahmed fired a blistering nine-under-61 in round two to take a three-shot lead at the TATA Steel Jaipur Open here on Wednesday. Saqib ended the day with a total of 15-under-125 at the Rambagh Golf Club. Saqib, a former winner on the PGTI, thus equaled Vikrant Chopra's record for the lowest score after two rounds at a PGTI event. Noida-based Vikrant had also achieved the feat at the Rambagh Golf Club during the inaugural Jaipur Open in 2017. Round one leader Abhinav Lohan of the DLF Golf & Country Club, Gurugram, who had previously shot a 61 on Tuesday, came up with a 67 on day two to drop to second place at 12-under-128.

Emerson out until October with thigh tear

Chelsea left back Emerson Palmieri will be out until the middle of October after sustaining a thigh injury during Sunday's 2-1 Premier League defeat by leaders Liverpool, manager Frank Lampard has said. Italian international Palmieri, who has started five out of six league games this season, was joined on the treatment table by fellow defender Andreas Christensen after the Danish centre back suffered a knee problem in the same match. "Emerson now won't be back until the other side of the international break (during mid-October)," Lampard told a news conference.



Mo Salah, Egypt fall out again with FIFA

Egypt's football association has asked FIFA for clarification after its vote for national icon Mohamed Salah was dropped from the final tally for the world's best player award. The results are based on the votes of national coaches, team captains and members of the press in selecting their top three players of the year.When FIFA released its results, Egypt was curiously absent from the final vote count.In comments online blame was aimed at Egypt's football federation for failing to ensure Salah would be given the maximum chance in all votes, although he eventually finished fourth, 20 votes behind winner Lionel Messi.Salah hinted at his disappointment through his social media activity, changing his Twitter bio to say he only plays for Liverpool.

South American minnows deliver the first upset of this Rugby World Cup with a stunning win over an error-prone Fiji

URUGUAY PULLED off one of the Rugby World Cup's largest upsets when it beat Fiji 30-27 in a match laden with significance for the disaster-ravaged town in which it was played on Wednesday. Only days after coming close to a shock result when it led Australia 14-12 at halftime before losing 39-21, 10th-ranked Fiji found itself on the wrong end of a larger surprise, going down for the first time in four meetings to the 19th-ranked Los Teros.

Fiji scored first but Uruguay scored three first-half tries to lead 24-12 by halftime. Flyhalf Felipe Berchesi kicked two penalties to keep his team in front throughout the second half, finishing with three conversions and three penalties for 15 points. His last penalty, in the 75th minute, gave Uruguay an eight-point lead and proved decisive in securing only its third win at a World Cup, its first in 16 years. Uruguay's other wins were over Georgia and Spain.

"I was thinking to myself to treat it just like in training, as if the stadium was empty," Berchesi said. "I had cramps in my legs so I focused on kicking like I do in training, and aiming for the middle, inside the posts. It went through, luckily." Fiji threw everything at Uruguay in an effort to wrest back control of the game in the second half but its most ambitious attempts failed through passing and handling errors and it paid dearly for poor goalkicking by Josh Matavesi and Ben Volavola. A try after the fulltime siren to Niko Matawalu – his second of the match, which typically went unconverted — was enough to earn Fiji two losing bonus points. But the result severely jeopardized its hopes of winning a place in the knockout rounds.

TODAY'S RESULT

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This was Uruguay's third win at the World Cup — their previous victories having come against Spain and Georgia, making this their biggest scalp in the small Japanese seaside town of Kamaishi, which was devastated by the 2011 tsunami and earthquake.

"It's outstanding. It's a really good day for Uruguayan rugby today. I hope everybody could see that, and everybody joins to play rugby in Uruguay, we need more players...we're a really small union but we keep showing the world that we're in a good place and they have to support us because we've proved ourselves strong today."

FELIPE BERCHESI, PLAYER OF THE MATCH

Australia winger Hodge banned for dangerous tackle

HODGE'S NO-ARMS tackle caught the Fijian flanker in the head in the 26th minute of the Pool D opener in Sapporo on Saturday but the Wallabies back was cleared of an offence by the matchday officials. He was cited on Sunday and will now miss Australia's crunch clash with Six Nations champions Wales on Sunday as well as the matches against Uruguay on October 5 and Georgia on October 11.

World Rugby said in a statement that the committee had determined that Hodge should have been shown a red card but the punishment was halved



Uruguay is the youngest team in the tournament, an assembly of home-based players who are semi-professional and can't match the global stars Fiji has.

from six weeks because of his "exemplary disciplinary record, good character and conduct at the hearing".

Hodge, who may appeal the decision within 48 hours, will be free to play again in the knockout stages of the tournament should Australia progress.

Yato, who had been the most influential player on the pitch up to that point, missed the rest of the match and was forced to sit out Wednesday's game against Uruguay in Kamaishi to complete concussion protocols. The ruling that Hodge should have received a red card will be an embarrassment for World Rugby and there might be more on the way after Samoans Rey Lee-lo and Motu Matu'u were cited for dangerous high tackles on Wednesday.

Fans allowed to bring food after shortages at venues

FANS WILL now be able to bring food into World Cup stadiums in Japan after the organizing committee admitted that the service at some venues was "not befitting" that

of a showpiece event. There were lengthy queues for both food and beverages at stadiums during the opening weekend with some vendors completely running out of some food options.

In an unusual move for a major sporting event, the organisers will now allow fans to bring in "a reasonable amount of food" into the stadiums, starting with Monday's match between Wales and Georgia in Toyota City.



Organisers predicted up to 100,000 glasses of beer could be consumed at each match.

"The opening weekend has demonstrated that the level of service is not befitting that of a Rugby World Cup with some fans experiencing queuing delays and some vendors prematurely running out of some food options," the organisers said in a statement.

"With fan experience a major priority, the organising committee, in consultation with World Rugby, has taken the decision to allow fans to bring a reasonable amount of food into the venue for personal consumption from today."

"As per normal for a Rugby World Cup, fans will not be able to bring beverages into venues." It is normal for fans in Japan to be able to bring their own food, and in some cases beverages, into stadiums for sporting occasions but this was not the case for the opening seven matches across the World Cup's opening weekend.

Stadiums running out of food options comes despite years of planning and warnings from World Rugby specifically about the stocking of refreshment at stadiums.

Organisers say that the inclusion of beer hawkers bringing drinks to fans in their seats, another common feature of the Japanese sport viewing experience, has meant that the demand for beverages has been met.

"Beer and soft drinks provision has been significantly increased in venues, including the provision of free water stations, and is successfully meeting requirements," added the statement. Before the tournament began, organisers predicted up to 100,000 glasses of beers could be consumed at each match. **AGENCIES**



Bill posted his photo offering prayers alongside Ofa Tuungafasi.

Bill sorry for copyright breach in photo row

ALL BLACKS star Sonny Bill Williams has been forced to apologise to a Malaysianbased photographer after publishing a photo of himself on Instagram with the photographer's credit removed. When the photo, showing Williams and fellow All Black Muslim Ofa Tu'ungafasi praying before the Springboks Test, was posted on social media, it was quickly removed by Instagram citing copyright issues. Williams then directed a second message at Instagram questioning why the photo had been removed, asking: "Surely a simple picture of someone expressing their gratitude for what they've been blessed with is OK?". But

From sublime to ridiculous

Spurs' elimination from League Cup shows how far the team has fallen from last season's high of Champions League final

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TOTTENHAM BROKE into English football's established elite through squad unity, the energy of youth and a common purpose created by manager Mauricio Pochettino. More than five years into Pochettino's tenure, that all looks to be slipping away.

And he knows it. A humiliating elimination by fourth-tier Colchester in the English League Cup via a penalty shootout on Tuesday prompted an honest reflection by Pochettino regarding

the current dynamic inside his squad.

"Maybe our performances are good but you need this extra — which is mental connection," the Argentine said. "It is energy to be all together, not to have different agendas in the squad. We need time again to build that togetherness that you need when you are competing at this

Pochettino spoke about needing time to get players "on the same page," about needing two transfer windows to "fix this type of situation and sort it." In essence, Pochettino is saying there are divisions in his squad, which is going to need to be refreshed, even rebuilt. Already the longestserving manager in the Premier League working solely in the top flight, is Pochettino the man to carry out this job and inject some freshness? Spurs are in the midst of a long rut which, somewhat paradoxically, includes a spectacular run to the Champions League final where they lost to Liverpool in June.

Taking into account all matches since the middle of February, they have won eight of 26. This season, it is just two wins in its eight matches in all competitions, and the record includes a home loss to Newcastle, the squandering of a 2-0 lead to draw 2-2 against Olympiakos in the Champions League, and now an exit at the first hurdle of a cup competition at the expense of a team 71 places lower in English football's pyramid. The last away win in the league came on January 20, against a Fulham team headed for relegation.

Here's a look at key problems facing Pochettino:

SQUAD TENSIONS

It seems some players don't want to be at Tottenham anymore, and other senior members of the squad are unsettled. Christian Eriksen is an obvious example, having said in the offseason he was keen to "try something new" amid interest from Real Madrid. The Denmark playmaker who pulls everything together in midfield has only started four of Tottenham's eight games this season.

Like Eriksen, center backs Jan Vertonghen and Toby Alderweireld are in the final year of their contracts. Vertonghen, widely recognized as Tottenham's best defender, was left out of

the team's first three league games. Then there are England internationals Dele Alli and Eric Dier who are no longer flavor of the month. The slump of Alli, who used to strike up such a good relationship with Harry Kane up front, has been



A humiliating elimination by fourth-tier Colchester prompted an honest reflection by Pochettino regarding the current dynamic inside his squad. Reuters

marked, while Dier's first minutes of the season came against on Tuesday against Colchester. The closure of the European transfer window on Sept. 2 was supposed to unify an unsettled squad, ending uncertainty around players, but that doesn't appear the case.

MIDFIELD ISSUES

Back in the early days of Pochettino's reign, Tottenham — an underdog battling to mix it with country's biggest clubs stood out because of the cohesion of its young, hungry squad but also the intensity of its team.

Pep Guardiola, for example, said he was blown away by the energy of Tottenham's suffocating press when he slipped to his first loss as Manchester City manager, 2-0 in October 2016 at the old White Hart Lane.

The current Tottenham team doesn't seem to have those qualities, with the center of midfield a particular problem for Pochettino. Mousa Dembele used to set the tone for Spurs with his technique, driving runs and intensity of press, and he had a great partnership with Vincent Wanyama.

Offseason signing Tanguy Ndombele might prove to be a like-for-like long-term replacement for Dembele, but Pochettino's preferred central midfield appears to be Moussa Sissoko and Harry Winks, who can't seem to control matches. Tottenham has already thrown away leads against Arsenal, Olympiakos and Leicester this season.

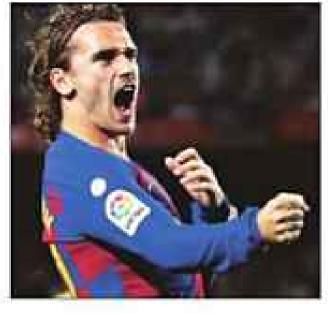
Win some, lose some for Barca

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE BARCELONA, SEPTEMBER 25

LIONEL MESSI endured yet more injury frustration after going off at half time against Villarreal but Barcelona gave their coach Ernesto Valverde some much-needed relief with a comfortable 2-1 victory. Messi received treatment in the first half for what looked like a problem with his left thigh and was then unable to continue after the interval, replaced by Ousmane Dembele on Tuesday.

His withdrawal will be a major concern for Barca, particularly given this was Messi's first start of the season after just recovering from a niggling calf injury sustained at the start of August. After the match, Valverde struck a note of calm. "When something happens to Messi, everyone stops, not only on the field, but in the stands as well," he said.

It's a minor problem in the adductor. "It is a small problem in the adductor and as a precaution we have decided not to risk it. In theory, it is nothing more but we will see tomorrow how it is." Barcelona visit Getafe in La Liga on Saturday before playing Inter Milan at home in the Champions League four days later. Certainly, they would have been eager to see Messi back in their line-up, having suffered a



Griezmann has scored three La Liga goals in six starts since joining Barcelona from Atletico Madrid. Reuters

humbling 2-0 loss at newly-promoted Granada last weekend, a result that left them with seven points from five games, their worst start to a season since 1995.

They arrived at Camp Nou with doubts hovering, particularly over Valverde, but delivered a far more convincing win than the scoreline suggested, thanks to early goals from Antoine Griezmann, his third of the season,

and Arthur Melo. "We are still far from our best but with matches everything will improve," said Griezmann.

Cazorla gives Villarreal hope

Santi Cazorla put Villarreal in touch on the stroke of half-time but in truth the visitors barely threatened thereafter, with Barcelona impressively composed when nerves might easily have taken over. It means Valverde's side climb to fourth in the table, one point behind Real Madrid and level on points with Atletico Madrid, who both play on Wednesday. Villarreal's encouraging start stalls a little as they drop to eighth.

Granada, who backed up their shock win over Barca with a 1-1 draw at Real Valladolid, top the table, although both Athletic Bilbao and Real Madrid can move three points above them when they play their games on Wednesday. Barcelona started well, with Griezmann heading in after just six minutes, darting to the near post to flick home Messi's floated corner. The pair shared a celebratory hug too.

Seven minutes later, there was a second and another goal almost from nothing. Arthur collected the ball 30 yards out and harpooned a shot straight past Sergio Asenjo and into the top right-hand corner.

on learning the fault lay with republishing the photo without crediting photographer Faiz Azizan, Williams was quick to repost the image on Instagram with Azizan's name included. "Asalamualiakum (peace be with you) brother, please forgive me for the misunderstanding," Williams said.

Ferrari can show their resurgence is real in Russia

REUTERS

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FORMULA ONE champions Mercedes have won every Russian Grand Prix since the first at Sochi's Olympic Park in 2014 but that could all change on Sunday. Ferrari are on a roll at present with Charles Leclerc and Sebastian Vettel racking up three wins in a row between them and a fourth will really have the alarm bells ringing at Mercedes headquarters in Brackley and Stuttgart.

Lewis Hamilton, despite being a hefty 65 points clear of Mercedes team mate Valtteri Bottas with six races remaining, has already expressed concern that Ferrari are looking hungrier than the champions.

"If anyone in the team feels relaxed they need talking to, because we should all be feeling the pain," the Briton said after a strategy error left him fourth in Singapore behind a Ferrari one-two and Red Bull's Max Verstappen.

"These next few races are going to be tough," added the five-time world champion, who won in Sochi a year ago - his third Russian success. The Black Sea resort circuit has also been good to Bottas in the past, with the Finn taking his first fastest lap in Formula One and first race win there. "I've got some unfinished business in Sochi. It has normally been a good track for me and I need to make sure it will be again," said the Finn, who last year was ordered to move aside and let Hamilton win.

His hopes of settling scores will not have been boosted by Mercedes also making sure he slowed and did not get ahead of Hamilton in Singapore after lapping faster on fresh tyres following his pit stop.

Real resurgence

Ferrari have now won on the flat-out speed circuits of Spa and Monza as well as slow and twisty Singapore, and Sochi, different again, of fers the chance to show the resurgence is real "It's another circuit where we've come close to winning but never quite managed it," said Vettel, a four-time world champion and to date the only non-Mercedes driver to start on pole in Russia.

"I've started from the front row and in fact two years ago Ferrari locked out the front row, but we really want the satisfaction of taking that last step and winning," added the German, whose Singapore win was his first in 13

Sochi's long straights should suit Ferrari but the smooth surface makes it a tricky track for drivers to hit the sweet spot with their tyres, and the layout also demands a very different aerodynamic set-up to Singapore. "We have made good progress on our car, especially in terms of our performance on high downforce tracks, and seem to be more competitive on tracks with various layouts now," said Leclerc

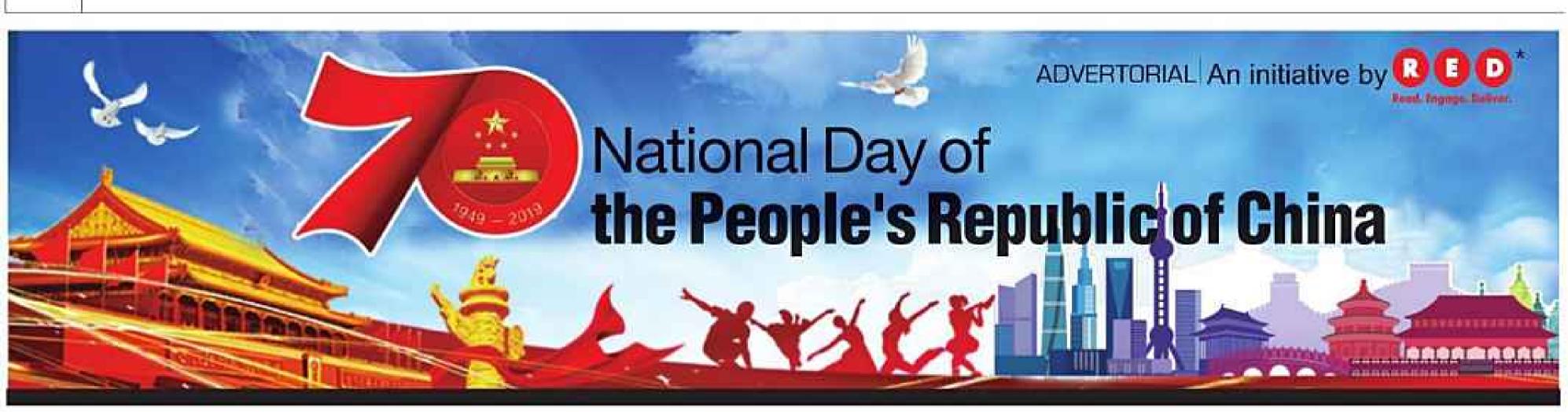
"Time will tell whether we can be as strong here as we have been lately."

Only twice in five years has a driver from outside Mercedes and Ferrari stood on the podium in Sochi, and one was Bottas who finished third with Williams in 2014. The other was Mexican Sergio Perez for Force India, now Racing Point, in 2015.

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OCTOBER 1st this year marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. This is a moment of great historical significance. Over the past 70 years since the founding of new China, under the leadership of the Communist Party of China, the Chinese people have worked hard and forged ahead defying all difficulties. One miracle after another have been created. The future and destiny of the Chinese nation have been fundamentally changed. China's economy has enjoyed sustained, sound and steady growth, the rule of law system has been improved, major achievements have been made in ethnic unity and progress, and remarkable progress has been made in promoting ecological civilization. People's living standards have been constantly improved, gross national income per person stood close to \$10,000 in 2018, and over 850 million people have been lifted out of poverty. China has blazed a path of socialism with Chinese characteristics and achieved great transformations from standing up and growing rich to becoming strong.

Over the 7 years since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, the CPC Central Committee with comrade Xi Jinping at the core held high the great banner of socialism with Chinese characteristics has united and led the whole party and people of all ethnic groups across the country and pursued coordinated progress in the five-sphere integrated plan and balanced progress in the four-pronged comprehensive strategy. Historic changes have taken place in the party and various causes of the nation. Socialism with Chinese characteristics has entered a new era. China is now the world's second largest economy, largest trader in goods and largest holder of foreign exchange reserves. China has become the largest trading partner of over 130 countries and regions. China accounted for more than 30 percent of global economic growth, making it the most significant driving force. Guided by Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, the Chinese people are united and working tirelessly to achieve the two centenary goals and realize the Chinese dream of great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

In the face of complicated and profound changes in the international landscape, under the guidance of Xi Jinping Thought on Diplomacy, China has stayed committed to the path of peaceful development, resolutely safeguarded China's sovereignty, security and development interests, advocated multilateralism and economic globalization, promoted the building of a new type of international relations and a community with a shared future for mankind. China has contributed its wisdom and solutions for world peace, stability and development.

China and India are neighbours linked by mountains and rivers, partners of win-win cooperation and friends hand in hand on their way forward. As we are both major developing countries, our two peoples have supported each other in pursuing national independence and development and helped each other in upholding global free trade. In recent years, China-India relations have maintained a positive development momentum. President Xi Jinping and Prime Minister Narendra Modi initiated the "hometown diplomacy" and held a historic Informal Summit in Wuhan, China, taking the closer developmental partnership between the two countries to a new height and putting it on the track of sound and stable development. China is India's second largest trading partner in goods, and India is China's largest trading partner in South Asia. More than 1,000 Chinese companies are doing business in India. They have put in a total investment of \$8 billion and created over 200,000 local jobs. Over two-thirds of Indian companies operating in China are making steady profits. China and India together account for nearly 40% of the world's population. There is huge potential and broad space for cooperation between us.

Next year will mark the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between China and India. Let us make full use of the opportunity of celebrating the 70th anniversary and continue to implement the consensus reached by leaders of the two countries, focus on cooperation, seek common development and write a new chapter in China-India relations.

Glorious Journey of the People's Republic of China

HE YEAR 2019 marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China (PRC). Through seventy years of hard work, the Communist Party of China has united and led the Chinese people on a glorious journey. The Chinese nation has achieved a tremendous transformation: it has stood up, grown rich and is becoming strong. Socialism with Chinese characteristics has been established, developed and improved. The Chinese people have made a great leap from inadequate food and clothing to moderate prosperity. The Chinese nation, with an entirely new posture, now stands tall and firm in the East.

Standing Up of the Chinese People



With Mao Zedong as their main representative, the Chinese Communists led the Chinese people to secure a victory in the new democratic revolution, founded the PRC and established the basic socialist system. The photo shows at 3 p.m. on October 1, 1949, Mao Zedong announcing the establishment of the PRC's central people's government during the founding ceremony.

ON OCTOBER 1, 1949, the first five-star red flag was raised in Tiananmen Square in Beijing. The Chinese people, who had experienced bitter struggle since modern times, finally saw the dawn of the rebirth of the Chinese nation. With the birth of the



The development of Pudong in Shanghai is a highlight of China's reform and opening up. The farmland in the past has been turned into the Lujiazui International Financial Center dotted with high-rise buildings. The photo taken on June 27, 2018 shows the full view of Pudong new area.

PRC, the Chinese people became masters of the country, society and their own destiny. They began to embark on a great journey of realizing a strong and prosperous country, national rejuvenation and people's happiness with full pride.

Spring Breeze of Reform and Opening-up

IN 1978, marked by the third plenary session of the 11th CPC Central Committee, China started the historical process of reform and opening-up.

The reform and opening-up is a great awakening of the Communist Party of China, and a great revolution in the history of the Chinese people and the Chinese nation. It is the great revolution that has brought unprecedented and profound changes to China, making reform and opening-up the most distinctive feature of contemporary China.

Reform and opening-up is a key move to determine the destiny of contemporary China, and to achieve the two centenary goals and the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

Forging Ahead in New Era

SINCE the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC), the CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at the core has united the Chinese people of all ethnic groups to hold high the banner of socialism with Chinese characteristics and has been guided by Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era. It has promoted the coordinated implementation of the five-sphere integrated plan including economic, political, cultural, social and ecological advancement and the four-pronged comprehensive strategy consisting of building a moderately prosperous society in all respects, deepening reform in all areas, advancing law-based governance and exercising full and rigorous governance over the Party. Historic achievements in reform, openingup and socialist modernization have been made, historic shifts in the cause of the Party and the

country have been promoted, and the socialism with Chinese characteristics has entered a new era. China adheres to the vision of peace, development, and win-win cooperation, and constantly contributes Chinese wisdom and strength to foster world peaceful development. China and the people across the world will build a community with a shared future for mankind and jointly create a bright future for all!



The Second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation opened in Beijing on April 26, 2019. Nearly 5,000 guests from more than 150 countries and 90 international organizations attended the forum. The photo shows Chinese President Xi Jinping and foreign leaders walking into the venue of the forum's opening ceremony.

China today stands at a new historical starting point. Though great achievements have been made, there are still many mountains to scale and many shoals to navigate. The Communist Party of China and the Chinese people will continue forging ahead on the road of socialism with Chinese characteristics while comprehensively deepening reform, pursuing high-quality development, further opening up, committing to peaceful development, promoting the building of a community with a shared future for mankind, creating more brilliant Chinese miracles in the new era, and making greater contribution to the cause of human progress.

Seven Decades of China's Achievements

ECONOMY

China's economy has accelerated over the past seven decades, with gross domestic product rising at an average annual rate of 8.1 percent. From 1979 to 2018, China's economy grew by 9.4 percent annually on average, much higher than the world's average economic growth of 2.9 percent. In 1952, China's GDP was 30 billion U.S. dollars, while in 2018, its GDP reached 13.61 trillion U.S. dollars, an increase of 452.6 times. In 1978, China's GDP ranked 11th in the world, while in 2010, it became the second largest economy in the world. Gross national income per person reached 9,732 U.S. dollars in 2018, higher than the level seen in middle-income countries. Forex reserves reached 3.07 trillion U.S. dollars at the end of 2018, topping the world for the 13th straight year, while it stood at only 108 million dollars at the end of 1952.

POLITICS

With decades of hard work, socialism with Chinese characteristics has crossed the threshold into a new era. The Chinese nation has achieved a tremendous transformation and come to embrace the brilliant prospects of rejuvenation. We have actively developed socialist democracy and advanced law-based governance. The path, the theory, the system, and the culture of socialism with Chinese characteristics have kept developing, blazing a new trail for developing countries to achieve modernization. The overarching task of upholding and developing socialism with Chinese characteristics is to realize socialist modernization and national rejuvenation, and, that on the basis of completing the building of a moderately prosperous society in all respects, a two-step approach should be taken to build China into a great modern socialist country that is prosperous, strong, democratic, culturally advanced, harmonious, and beautiful by the middle of the century.

CULTURE

In 2019, China's total number of world cultural heritage sites reaches 55, ranking first in the world. China has yielded fruitful results in cultural exchanges and communication with other countries. By the end of 2017, China had signed cultural cooperation agreements with 157 countries, and the number of cultural exchange plans totalled nearly 800. Overseas Chinese cultural centers and Confucius Institutes. traditional Chinese cultures such as Chinese acrobatics, martial arts, calligraphy, Beijing Opera and Tai Chi have been further introduced to the world. By 2017, over 4,000 various cultural events took place in Chinese cultural centers in foreign countries, and over 8 million people were directly involved. By the end of 2017, 525 Confucius Institutes and 1,113 Confucius classrooms had been established in 146 countries and regions.

SOCIETY

The 1.3 billion Chinese are no longer threatened by food or clothing shortages, more than 850 million Chinese are out of poverty, 770 million are employed, nine-year compulsory education is provided across the country, and China's universal health care system and social security system lead the world in scale. Life expectancy in 1949 was around 35 years, and it rose to 77 years in 2018. Maternal and infant mortality also decreased substantially, from 1,500 per 100 thousand and 200 per thousand 70 years ago, respectively, to

18.3 per 100 thousand and 6.1 per thousand in 2018, both meeting the Millennium Development Goals ahead of schedule. The number of impoverished people dropped from 770 million in 1978 to 16.6 million in 2018, and the poverty rate dropped from 97.5% to 1.7%. By the end of 2020, we will have taken all rural residents living below the current poverty line out of poverty, putting an end to absolute poverty in our country and creating a miracle in the history of development and poverty reduction. We are also on course to attain the first centenary goal by 2020, i.e. completing the building of a moderately prosperous society in all respects.

ECOLOGICAL CIVILIZATION

Implementing its new concept of innovative, coordinated, green, open and shared development, China has exerted intensive efforts to treat pollution with the enforcement of much stricter environmental laws and problem-oriented environmental supervision. China has gained remarkable achievements in such fields as prevention and treatment of air and water pollution, ecological construction, low-carbon development, energy conservation and emission reductions. China's carbon dioxide emission per 10,000 yuan (nearly \$1,500) of GDP declined 4 percent in 2018. By the end of 2018, China's installed capacity for renewable energy reached 728,000 megawatts, up 12 percent on a year-onyear basis. China had contributed to at least 25 percent of the increase in the global green leaf area since the early 2000s. Over the past 40 years, China's forest coverage rate has increased nearly 10 percent to 21.66 percent. China is home to the world's largest man-made forest in scale.

DIPLOMACY

China's diplomacy has established a fine tradition with distinctive features, including independence as the cornerstone of China's foreign policy, concern for the common good of humanity, pursuit of equity and justice, commitment to win-win outcomes, the mission of facilitating domestic development, and dedication to serving the Chinese people. Xi Jinping Thought on Diplomacy is the fundamental guideline of China's diplomatic work in the new era. China firmly safeguards national sovereignty, security and development interests, and devotes itself to the joint construction of a new type of international relations and a community with a shared future for mankind with other countries. China is moving closer to the center stage of the world as a widely recognized promoter of world peace, contributor to global development and upholder of international order. China has dispatched 40,000 peacekeepers to around 30 UN peacekeeping operations since 1990, the most among all the five permanent UN Security Council members. It is also the second largest donor country for UN peacekeeping missions. China is playing an increasingly prominent role in providing constructive solutions to resolving international hotspot issues. China has been promoting the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) to improve connectivity and cooperation on a transcontinental scale. China is firm in upholding the multilateral trading system and advancing trade and investment liberalization and facilitation. China has deeply engaged in regional and sub-regional cooperation, and concluded 17 free trade agreements with 25 countries

Over 1000 Chinese enterprises continue to invest and contribute to India's growth, deepening economic ties -



and regions.